

Rebel peers to continue fight on eye test fee

Clarke gives warning of constitutional crisis

- The Government faces another big revolt in the Lords next Tuesday over the proposed £10 charge for eye tests
- The Secretary of State for Health warned the rebels they may jeopardize the entire Health and Medicines Bill
- Tory peers are to put down a motion rejecting the charges, which the Commons approved by a majority of eight
- The Prime Minister told the leader of the Lords that there must be no compromise over the issue

By Sheila Gunn and Nicholas Wood

Rebel Conservative peers decided yesterday to press on with their fight with the Government over charges for eye tests in the face of a warning from Mr Kenneth Clarke that they risked losing the Health and Medicines Bill altogether.

The Secretary of State for Health will meet backbench Tories in the Lords this afternoon in a last-minute attempt to persuade them to back down and avert a potential constitutional crisis.

The two leaders of the rebel peers are proposing to put down a motion throwing out the proposed £10 eye test charge, which scraped through the Commons by a majority of

eight in the early hours of yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher talked to Lord Belstead, leader of the Lords, about the issue before she left for Poland to make clear that no compromise must be given to the rebels.

However, the rebels believe their chances of salvaging free dental checks are slight. Peers

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are likely to be deterred from a further revolt on the £3 charge because of the higher majority of 16 in the Commons.

In addition, the Government is maintaining that dental charges are covered by the Commons financial privilege and the Lords has no right to touch them.

Ministers are confident that heavy whipping of backbenchers, coupled with fears on Conservative benches of provoking a constitutional conflict between the two Houses, will succeed in defusing the revolt. The key to the eventual outcome could be the voting of the 100 cross-benchers who regularly attend major votes.

A close associate of Mr Clarke said yesterday: "I am sure we can find some Tory peers from somewhere."

Nevertheless, Lord Denham, the Government Chief Whip in the Lords, has told his colleagues that although he can whip in legions of Tory peers he cannot guarantee they will vote with the Government.

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, president of the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians, predicted a big revolt next Tuesday when the Lords again consider the matter. He said: "I would be prepared to vote again against the charges. I think when it comes to next Tuesday and the Government asks us to agree with the Commons, Lord Mottistoun and I and a great many of us will disagree."

Mr Clarke reacted to the prospect of a further Lords amendment to the Bill by issuing a blunt warning yesterday that the measure could fall because of lack of parliamentary time.

Parliament is expected to be



Mr Gordon Brown: Reward for outstanding performance.

Shadow Cabinet surprise

By Philip Webster

Mr Neil Kinnock was faced with a problem concerning the key choice of a defence spokesman yesterday when Shadow Cabinet elections saw advances for several of his closest allies.

The Labour leader's position was further strengthened by a contest marked by the unexpected rise to the top of the poll of Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, and the election for the first time, ninth in the 15 elected places, of Mr Tony Blair, the trade spokesman.

Mr Brown, aged 37, came close to doubling his last year's vote, in which he was elected for the first time and was placed 11th. He was clearly rewarded for his outstanding performance.

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BBC TV faces strike over terrorist ban

By Richard Evans and Richard Ford

BBC Television news programmes face being off the air next Thursday after an overwhelming vote in support of industrial action by television journalists angered by the Government's broadcasting ban on terrorist organizations.

The editorial staff at Television Centre decided by three to one in favour of the 24-hour stoppage, and broadcasting journalists throughout Britain are now being urged to take action on the same day.

Mr Paul Welsh, acting father of the NUJ chapel at

Television Centre, said last night: "The strike could take off *Breakfast Time*, the 1 o'clock news, the 6 o'clock news, the 9 o'clock news, *Newsnight*, and all the daytime summaries as well as affecting the production of current affairs programmes."

The Home Secretary told MPs last night during a debate on the controversial ban that the key criterion for broadcasters in judging whether to transmit an interview should be the organization the person represents and not the subject matter under discussion.

Floral greeting for fur-clad Thatcher



Warsaw welcome: Mrs Thatcher, sung in fur hat and fur-collared coat, receives a bouquet from a Polish boy scout yesterday.

Diplomatic 'minefield' in Poland

From Robin Oakley Warsaw

Mrs Thatcher flew into a diplomatic minefield in Warsaw last night, facing one of the most difficult foreign trips in her nine years as Prime Minister.

General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, warned in a radio interview that the British Prime Minister must not interfere in the internal affairs of his country.

He said that European political culture was based on what he called the factor of not interfering in the internal affairs of other countries. He sincerely hoped Mrs Thatcher would allow Poland to tackle its own problems "in a sovereign manner using its own methods and instruments."

Of course, he added, the authorities would listen with full respect to what Mrs Thatcher had to say but, in remark which suggested dis-

Lawson warns of a 7% inflation rate next year

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Inflation may rise to 7 per cent next year, forcing interest rates to remain high, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said yesterday.

Mr Nigel Lawson said high interest charges would be required: "for a considerable length of time". Similarly, tax cuts would have to be shelved until the economy cooled down and it was prudent to introduce them.

If inflationary pressures rose, interest rates might have to rise even further.

Speaking on Radio 4, Mr Lawson said businessmen would be "very foolish" if they allowed pay increases to get out of control. They should keep a grip on costs and maintain their competitiveness against businesses overseas. However, he said the rise in inflation would be "a very similar sort of blip to the one in 1985".

Stock market prices drifted down as traders reacted to the possibility of higher interest rates. Among the exceptions

were building stocks, some of which rose after Tuesday's announcement of higher public spending on roads and hospitals. The FTSE Index closed 14.6 down at 1843.2. Gilt-edged stocks were also down 1/8.

In the foreign exchange market, sterling strengthened slightly, closing up 1.05 cents at \$1.7750 and 0.73 pence at DM3.1613. The effective rate index was 0.1 higher at 76.6.

Britain's official reserves rose last month by an underlying \$124 million after allowing for \$1 billion of currency purchased forward. This was to help repay the \$2.5 billion floating rate note, redeemed last month ahead of schedule.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, attacked the Chancellor's forecast improvement in the balance of payments next year as "so far-fetched as

to undermine the credibility of his whole strategy".

He said the prospective inflation level of 7 per cent next year implied a serious loss of competitiveness inconsistent with improvements in the trade deficit which Mr Lawson was forecasting.

The City welcomed the Government's achievement in sticking to its public spending goals however, but there was some scepticism yesterday about the Chancellor's forecast of a "soft landing" for the economy.

Goldman Sachs said Mr Lawson was possibly overconfident that the present level of interest rates would slow consumer spending and improve the balance of payments as a result.

Phillips and Drew said the Chancellor faced a tough battle against inflation.

However, most felt the Chancellor would still have some room for tax cuts next year, possibly a token cut of 1p in the pound.

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Shamir launches coalition talks

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

With no outright winner in the Israeli elections, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, spent yesterday negotiating with the right-wing and religious parties he hopes will join Likud in a coalition.

His Labour rival, Mr Shimon Peres, saying his party did not want "power at any price" and seeming almost resigned about going into opposition, had similar talks.

Although Mr Shamir's party won two fewer seats than it did in the election four years ago, he hailed the result as a "new political reality".

If he forms a government, it will mean there is no realistic chance of holding the international Middle East peace conference which Mr Peres supports and which is strongly backed by the international community.

The Arab-Israeli conflict dominated the campaign to

Confession over riot retracted

The alleged ringleader of a fatal charge by Liverpool fans during the Heysel stadium riot yesterday retracted his confession, saying it was made under pressure.

Paul Howard, aged 23, told Merseyside police more than three years ago he had accepted "certain responsibility" for the deaths.

Yesterday Howard, one of 24 Liverpool fans facing manslaughter charges, told the trial in Brussels that when he made the statements two months after the tragedy he was "in a state of shock" over his arrest.

"I was under the impression that the police were never going to let go of the fact that they thought I was guilty. I think they were not concerned who they got as long as they got someone," he said.

His entire dossier of evidence was read to the court by the judge - including remarks in reply to key questions put by Merseyside police.

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Parents give huge support for school to opt out

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter



Mr Webster: "Wonderful vote of confidence."

Parents at Skegness Grammar School yesterday gave massive endorsement to plans for it to become the first state school to opt out of local authority control.

In a ballot, the result of which was announced yesterday, parents approved the decision of the governors to seek Grant Maintained Status for the 529-year-old school by a margin of almost 20 to one.

More than 80 per cent of parents voted in the poll (708 out of 884 eligible voters) with a majority of 94.8 per cent (670) in favour of opting out. There were just 37 votes against.

The ballot result is a resounding endorsement of opting out, which has

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been one of the most controversial aspects of the Government's Education Reform Act, which became law only in July.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, declined to comment on the grounds that he will have a quasi-judicial role in

determining the school's application to opt out. But Education ministers were last night privately delighted at the strength of the support for their policy demonstrated by the result.

Skegness now plans to finalize its plans in order to submit its application before Christmas. If approved by Mr Baker, the school will adopt its new independent status from next September.

Mr John Webster, the headmaster, said: "I knew we had the support of parents but this is a tremendous boost. It is a wonderful vote of confidence. We hope that as a school we can deliver the goods that the parents want from us."

"If anyone wants to know how it feels to opt out - it feels wonderful."

Mr Eddy Double, Principal Education Officer (Schools) for Conservative-controlled Lincolnshire County Council, last night said: "Throughout this affair we have taken an open minded attitude towards Skegness opting out."

"We will have to have further discussions with the school about how Skegness Grammar school will fit into

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Mackay to face church court

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, will face the court of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Glasgow tomorrow to answer a complaint that as a member of the church he attended a funeral of a Roman Catholic — believed to be that of Lord Wheatley, who died in July. It is thought that the complaint, by a minister and an elder, was first placed before Lord Mackay's kirk session in Edinburgh but was rejected. They have since appealed to the Southern Presbytery, which meets in Glasgow.

The presbytery clerk, the Rev Donald John MacDonald, and Lord Mackay have refused to make any comment on the matter. If the complaint is proved the presbytery may either hand out a rebuke or, more seriously, stop Lord Mackay from attending communion for several weeks.

The fundamentalist church was formed earlier this century when two ministers of the Free Church of Scotland broke away to form the Free Presbyterians, popularly known as the "Wee Frees" on account of their small number.

Secrets Act 'freedom'

Proposed changes to the Official Secrets Act would relax criminal law restraints on the freedom to publish, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday. He dismissed reports that the White Paper proposing changes in the Act was spearheading a government attempt to muzzle the media. Mr Hurd told a seminar organized by the Royal Television Society that a significant liberalization of the law was being proposed. The Government was determined to get rid of Section 2 of the Act and put narrow and effective legislation in its place.

Speed-chess final

Eight of Britain's top chess players convened in Chelsea, south-west London, yesterday for the James Capel Invitational Chess Tournament semi-finals and final. The field includes Jon Speelman, Britain's first world championship semi-finalist, Maudew Sadler, aged 14 and the youngest male international master, and Cathy Forbes, reigning British Ladies champion. The players are taking part in knock-out speed-chess which will be televised by Thames in January. Each has 25 minutes for all moves.

Alpha payout dispute

Lawyers for families of the dead and survivors in the Piper Alpha disaster said yesterday that they were being asked to sign agreements with one-sided clauses. Mr David Burnside, for the consortium representing most of the families, accused Occidental, operators of the platform, of trying to buy out rights that relatives would have, to bring legal actions against any others involved. The oil company has offered a compensation package thought to be worth £100 million. Mr Mike Park, solicitor for Occidental, said last night that the terms had to be drawn up to American requirements, but were standard in Scotland.

£12.9m to university

The Open University has been granted an extra £12.9 million over the next three years to stave off financial collapse after the Chancellor's autumn statement. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday that the decision to increase the university's grant had been taken in the light of advice from the Open University Visiting Committee. That committee, in a report to the department last August, said that continued underfunding threatened to weaken the university gravely.

Waverers given reports of Thatcher threat to call off Polish trip

Government saved by rebels who turned

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Government was saved from defeat on the controversial proposals to charge for dental and eye tests by the action of potential Conservative rebels who had earlier backed free tests but failed to vote for them in the division lobbies.

Three Conservative MPs who changed the way they voted between the divisions, along with five other MPs who had opposed charges for dental tests but did not vote in the later division, saved the Government from a one-vote defeat.

Hectic activity by the Government whips won over some of the rebels and saved the Prime Minister from a humiliating defeat on the eve of her visit to Poland.

The whips were involved in

frantic activity in the three hours between the votes on charges for teeth and eye tests as alarm grew that they had misjudged the mood of the rebels and risked defeat in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Potential rebels were warned that the Government was in danger of defeat and there were some reports yesterday that they had been told by the whips that if the crucial vote was lost, the Prime Minister would have postponed her trip to Poland — only hours before she was due to leave for Heathrow Airport.

However, the heavy handed tactics of the whips encouraged wavering rebels to stand firm while the manner in which Mr David Mellor, the Minister of State at the Department of Health, wound up the debate on dental charges drove some MPs to change their vote from

abstention to supporting the opposition.

In the division on dental charges the Government move was carried by 300 to 284, a majority of 16, but 15 Conservatives who backed free charges in an early day motion, including one of the sponsors, Mr Hugh Dykes, voted for their introduction, and a further 20 signatories did not vote.

By the time the division occurred on eye test charges, the Government's majority had been cut still further. The motion was carried by 296 to 288, a majority of eight with 11 Conservatives who backed free charges voting with the Government and 15 signatories not voting.

Two Conservative MPs, Mr David Mudd and Mr William Powell, who had voted against introducing dental charges, did not

vote in the division on eye charges while Mr Gary Waller, who voted against dental charges, voted in favour of charges for eye tests.

The Government would have lost the division by one vote if Mr Mudd, Mr Powell and Mr Waller had not changed their position in between the votes on dental and eye charges and if three Democrat MPs, one Official Unionist and a Labour MP, who had voted against the charges for dental tests, had voted the same way in the second division rather than not recording a vote.

Mr Alan Beith, and his colleagues Mr Simon Hughes and Sir Cyril Smith, together with Mr Harold McCusker, OUP, and Labour's Mr Jeremy Corbyn were recorded as not voting in the division of eye charges.

Mr Corbyn had come to the Commons from hospital, where he

is having treatment for an illness, for the first vote but was allowed to leave before the second. If they had voted against the Government, the opposition would have had a total of 296 while the Government support would have fallen by one vote, Mr Waller's, to 295.

● Mrs Thatcher will have seriously misjudged Lady Gardner of Parkes, who she created a life peer seven years ago, if she believes the fight over eye and dental check-up charges is over (Sheila Gunn writes).

Until July 19 Lady Gardner had voted loyally and consistently from the Conservative benches in the House of Lords. But she is first and foremost a dentist, and is convinced of the justice of her case that charging will deter people from visiting the dentist.

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Hurd unveils community radio plans

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Britain is to have 20 community radio stations on the air next year, offering a mixture of specialist, neighbourhood and minority interest programming.

The announcement in the Commons last night by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, heralds the start of a new era in radio broadcasting which will eventually see hundreds of small stations serving towns and cities.

Mr Hurd's decision to make available extra frequencies was immediately welcomed by radio groups.

Mr Paul Boon, chairman of the Association for Broadcasting Development, said last night: "It presents us with an excellent opportunity to deliver the kind of radio listeners around the country have been crying out for, for years. Now our members can demonstrate just how exciting and imaginative radio can be." Mr Steve Byrom, chairman of the Community Radio Association, added: "Now, for the first time in the history of

British broadcasting there is a limited opportunity for groups of ordinary people to own, manage and run a radio station which genuinely reflects their lives and community."

Anyone convicted of illegal broadcasting — involving "pirate" radio stations — from the beginning of next year will be disqualified for five years from applying for a licence from the proposed radio authority when it is established in 1990.

After scrapping plans to have a community radio experiment two years ago, the Home Office abandoned plans to introduce a radio Bill into Parliament this session. Instead, proposals for three new national commercial stations, a "light touch" radio authority and hundreds of community radio stations will be included in the broadcasting Bill to be published in a year's time.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority last night welcomed Mr Hurd's announcement.

Nurses go on strike in grading dispute

By Jill Sherman
and Ian Smith

Health service managers yesterday appealed to the Government to reconsider the grading of nurses in hospitals for the mentally handicapped.

The move came as nurses throughout the country took sporadic industrial action in protest against the new gradings.

Nurses at the Levensden Hospital, near Watford, Hertfordshire, had their new gradings withdrawn by management yesterday after they had taken protest action.

The disagreement at the 1,200-bed hospital concerns nursing assistants and enrolled nurses who work unsupervised on wards, but have been put on the lowest grades. Yesterday night shift staff refused to take charge of wards, a job designated for higher grades.

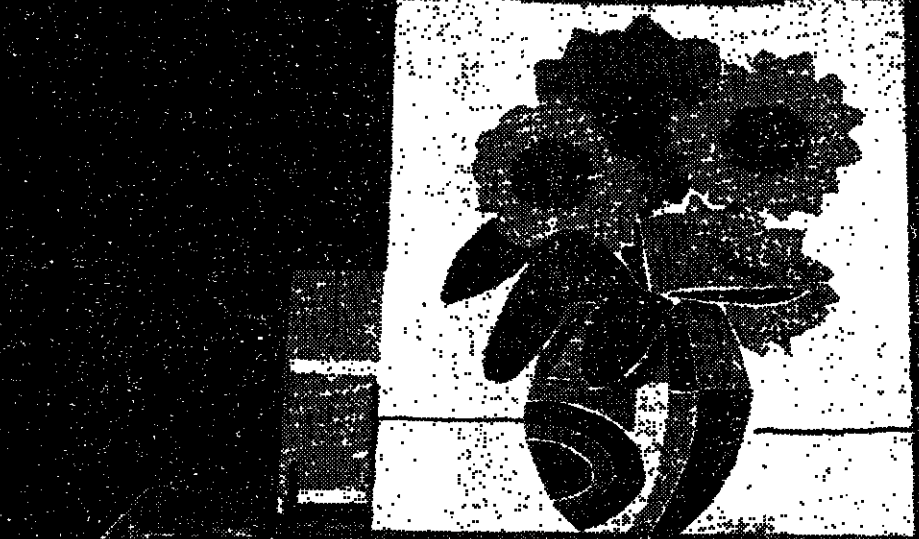
Day shift staff stayed on to cover for emergencies and the action led to a meeting with managers and an agreement to withdraw the gradings, a Nupse spokesman said yesterday.

The West Midlands Regional Health Authority has been notified of work-to-rule action by nursing staff at Highcroft Hospital, Birmingham, New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, Sandwell District General Hospital, the Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry and Middle Field Hospital in Solihull.



Nurses picketing at North Manchester general hospital (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

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Estate agents jailed in big conspiracy to swindle vendors

By Mark Souster

Two estate agents who conspired to swindle home owners on a big scale were each jailed for two and a half years in the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge Colston, QC, told Robert Grogan and Derek Barrett, who ran the company Ferme Sales, that the offences involved gross breach of trust of people who employed them.

Grogan, aged 29, of Landport Road, Crouch End, north London, and Barrett, aged 33, of Shepherds Hill, Highgate, pleaded guilty to conspiracy. The judge directed that a verdict of not guilty be entered in favour of a third defendant, Miles Seward, aged 25, of Ferme Park Road, Finsbury Park, north London, after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Roger Bronkhorst, a solicitor who carried out most of the conveyancing for the company, was jailed for 21 months after being found guilty of conspiracy to procure the execution of valuable securities between 1983 and 1986.

The judge told Bronkhorst, aged 40, of Rokesley Avenue, north London: "Your conviction has brought disgrace on you and your family and name on your profession."

Grogan and Barrett were ordered to pay £7,000 costs and repay commission fees of £14,000. Bronkhorst was ordered to pay £3,000 costs.

Ferme Sales, which has been sold and no longer has any connection with the defendants, at one time had 14 branches in north London. The court was told it sent bogus purchasers to buy houses at well below the market value and then resold them at much higher prices.

Mr David Tench, of the Consumers' Association, said last night: "One suspects this sort of thing is widespread and only the tip of the iceberg has been uncovered. But no one knows exactly to what extent it does occur. Some people are doing it far more subtly than Grogan and Barrett."

Sales and profits can be laundered through a string of companies which could be difficult, if not impossible, to trace.

Mr James Richardson, QC



Roger Bronkhorst, a solicitor, jailed for 21 months.



Derek Barrett (left) and Robert Grogan, the former owners of Ferme Sales, who were each jailed for two-and-a-half years.

Some of the owners had lived in their homes for more than 30 years and were taken advantage of because they were elderly or confused by harassment. Others were under pressure to secure a quick sale because they were moving.

It was not until months or years later that they realized their homes had been sold to a property company. Mr Richardson said: "In every case, a client was open to be taken advantage of by unscrupulous people. Some were elderly, some naive, some under extreme pressure because of linked purchases."

The judge said mock surveys on houses had been carried out. The deceit involved the use of fictitious people, with Barrett masquerading as a private buyer. Similar tactics were used in all the transactions.

Mr Richardson said that in six out of 10 cases, the "sham" involved someone pretending to be a Mr Graham or a Mr James being put forward as a bona fide purchaser.

Mr Richardson said: "To give authenticity, mock surveys would be arranged with people posing as surveyors. Once the vendor had been

encouraged to sell to Mr Graham or Mr James, there would be a request from the solicitor acting for them, in nine cases out of 10, for the property to be one of their development companies."

Grogan and Barrett had three such companies, called Graham James Investments, Graham James Developments and Graham James Worldwide. A typical case involved Mrs Diana Morrison, of Enfield, who sold her parent's

six-bedroom house in Ferme Park Road through Ferme Sales soon after their death. The company valued the house at £75,000 and said it had an immediate buyer, a Mrs Brenda Nugent.

She was in fact the wife of Barrett, using her maiden name. After prolonged negotiations and fake survey reports claiming the house was suffering subsidence, Mrs Morrison was persuaded by Grogan and Barrett to lower the price by £5,000.

They even produced a bogus builder's estimate of £4,850 for work that allegedly needed doing to the property. Mr Richardson said the builder, a Mr J Jones, did not exist.

At the last minute, Mrs Nugent did pull out. However, Ferme Sales provided a "white knight" in the shape of Mr Graham James, who bought the house. It was subsequently converted into four flats, which sold for £168,000, including one to Barrett's brother-in-law.

Surgery rape claim

Woman 'abused' while father waited

By Michael Horsnell

A physiotherapist being sued for "trespass to the person" after a patient while the victim's father paced outside in practice, the High Court as told yesterday.

The father, annoyed at the length of "treatment" his daughter was receiving for a shoulder injury, went for two weeks around the physiotherapist's rooms while the woman is allegedly being abused, he said.

When his daughter, now aged 25, finally left the surgery, he noticed she was "strained, pale, white and tense".

"I ushered her out to the car, the physiotherapist, Terry Christmas," he told the court.

The daughter has set a legal precedent by suing her alleged attacker after the Director of Public Prosecutions decided not to proceed with criminal action.

She is demanding damages after the alleged rape at his

surgery at Benfleet, Essex, on December 23, 1985.

Later, her mother told the court, sitting at Chelmsford, that her daughter had undergone a personality change which had made family life "a nightmare".

She said her daughter, a primary school teacher, returned home after being away for nearly two hours, twice as long as usual.

She had ignored her grandmother, who was visiting the family, and had taken a bath, followed by a shower.

The mother added that she had found evidence from the girl's clothes in the washing basket supporting her claim that she had been raped.

"It's been like a nightmare", the mother said. "She has changed. My daughter was a happy, conscientious, hard-working girl. She played the piano and she never plays it now."

"She is like electric wire. There is electricity all around

her. You couldn't touch her, although she used to be very warm."

"She would not eat with us. She would not communicate. She had a white face. It has been horrific."

The father said his daughter's hand had shaken after her visit to the surgery.

In the car going home, she was tense and nervous and was unable to light her own cigarette or switch on the car radio.

She was "touchy" over Christmas and in succeeding weeks after the alleged attack, was difficult to get on with.

"It has taken ages to get her to laugh again," he said. "Before you could have a joke with her. Now she snaps back quick."

An expert physiotherapist told the court of her concern at the treatment the woman had received from her physiotherapist.

Mrs Penelope Robinson, director of the professional

services department of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, told the court that the 28 treatments the girl had received for the shoulder injury, incurred after weight-lifting, was abnormally high.

When told that massage oil had been used to alleviate the injury, she said this was not a substance used by chartered physiotherapists.

Mr Roy Widgery, lecturer in psychology at the Essex Institute of Higher Education, who was the woman's personal tutor, said she had become isolated after the alleged rape and no longer received the accolades from staff which she had previously.

Miss J Dimmock, a student advisor at the institute, said the woman had felt claustrophobic after her ordeal.

Arrangements had to be made for her to take examinations on her own after she withdrew from other students. The case continues today.

Working mothers

Child care 'helps recruiting'

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Employers were urged yesterday to introduce a comprehensive plan for child care after a survey by the Working Mothers Association found that most companies fail to retain and recruit women with children.

According to the association, working parents are faced with a severe shortage of provision. Local authority nurseries are only available to nine in 1,000 children and private nursery places to eight in 1,000.

To combat the shortage the group yesterday launched an *Employer's Guide to Childcare* in London at the Confederation of British Industry, which is cautiously backing the scheme.

The guide urges companies to offer better maternity leave than the state minimum, subsidised loans, paid adoption leave, paid paternity leave and extended unpaid career breaks.

Firms are advised to keep in

touch with their workforce by sending them relevant company newsletters, informing and consulting them about changes affecting their job and providing training in new procedures and for new technology.

Directors are also urged to give practical help by providing employees with up-to-date information about local childcare facilities and to subsidize childcare provision through a means tested childcare allowance, a workplace nursery and by providing more extensive temporary day care.

Mr Rod Thomas, director of employment affairs at the confederation, said that while not all the recommendations were appropriate it was important that the needs of working mothers were met by helping them to reconcile work and family responsibilities.

The publication was welcomed by the Government. Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health,

said: "Day care for young children must be of good quality and parents should have a choice of services. The guide to childcare will be a useful tool for all parents."

Ms Joanna Foster, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said with fewer school leavers, increasing competition and the growing skills shortage, employers need to work harder than ever to attract and retain women staff.

"Helping parents to combine work and family life is in everyone's interest."

A Working Mothers Charter was also launched calling for improvements in employment rights and funding for childcare.

Mr Peter Moss, who is co-ordinator of the European Commission's Childcare Network programme, said Britain was the only country in the community which did not provide universal maternity leave and no parental leave.

Mother 'accused friend'

A mother accused of beating her daughter aged three to death threatened to call the social services to alert them about someone else's child.

A few weeks before Sarah Worthington died Mrs Michelle Worthington accused her friend, Miss Alison Lowe, of neglecting her own son, Miss Lowe told Portsmouth Crown Court: "Michelle told my boyfriend about me because she felt I was neglecting him and not looking after him properly."

Mrs Worthington, aged 22, and Mr Stephen Thorpe, aged 23, with whom she lived at Cliffland, near Portsmouth, deny murdering Sarah and causing her cruelty. Mr Thorpe also denies cruelty to Mrs Worthington's son, Andrew Cumston, aged one.

Andrew recovered from his injuries but Sarah died in St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, on October 7 last year. She had 61 injuries on her body.

Mr William King, who owns the couple's former accommodation at Waverley Road, Southsea, Hampshire, told the jury how a week before Sarah died he saw the little girl with a "completely black and blue face".

The trial continues today.

Protest at US law on computers

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

United States export regulations affecting computer goods has meant that many British universities have been refused access to American-produced computer software unless they sign undertakings that could "seriously undermine their academic integrity".

According to a report from the Inter-University Committee on Computing, which surveyed 25 British universities, the position has got much worse in the past two years; 23 cases had been reported where computer suppliers had asked for signed guarantees—similar to end-user certificates issued for arms exports—limiting access to the programs and the uses to which software may be put.

"Eleven cases whose outcome has been, 'Clauses signed under protest' or 'supply refused', involve just three companies", the committee's report said.

Dr John Martin, of the computer department at Manchester University, names AT&T, the Digital Equipment Corporation, and HKS (Hibbit, Karlsson and Sorensen) as companies that refused to allow five universities and the Medical Research Council access to documents or computer software.

Miss Elaine Williamson, director of computer services at the Cranfield Institute of Technology, said: "We have been advised by the computer board to resist signing as much as we can, because the US law does not apply to us."

Actress says libel action 'stressful'

Koo Stark, the actress and photographer, claimed yesterday that her High Court libel action for damages had had a "very disruptive and stressful" effect on her and left her in a "terrible nervous state".

Miss Stark, aged 32, is suing *The Sunday People* over two articles in December 1985 which, she claims, meant she had deceived her husband, Mr Timothy Jeffries, the Green Shield stamp heir, to carry out clandestine meetings with the Duke of York.

Being cross-examined by Mr Charles Gray, QC, for the newspaper, she said: "My experience of the press has been over the past six years and it has been a very damaging experience."

"I have always avoided coming to court because under

oath you are liable to be questioned about things like a relationship with Prince Andrew, and it gives rise to further headlines."

She said that for six years she had not brought any action because she felt it was a "blackmail" situation and added that she had "never spoken about my private life publicly". She said: "I have never commented on the relationship with Prince Andrew, to confirm or deny, neither on my relationship with my husband."

Miss Stark seeks damages from Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, and Oudham Newspapers, who deny defaming her and claim there was nothing in the articles to suggest she was committing adultery with the Duke.

The hearing continues.

Christie's said oils were of 'no value'

By Andrew Morgan

Christie's, the London auctioneers, told an assistant at a Surrey sale room that there was nothing special about two oil paintings of foxhounds which the firm had valued at between £30 and £50 but which later fetched £88,000 at a Sotheby's resale, the High Court heard yesterday.

Mrs Sheila Zarek, an assistant in the Godalming sale room of Messenger May Baverstock, said she was "stunned, shocked and amazed, when told that the paintings had been resold to Spinks, the art dealers, after Sotheby's had attributed them to George Stubbs, the eighteenth century master."

Mrs Penelope Luxmoore-May, of Dunsfold, Surrey, brought an action against the auctioneers of which her husband, Mr Paul Luxmoore-May was a partner until 1979,

for alleged breach of duty over the paintings which had fetched £900 at their initial auction in 1985.

She is claiming the difference between the £840 received for the sale after payment of commission and the £88,000 the paintings fetched when resold at Sotheby's in March 1986.

Messenger May Baverstock denies breach of duty, claiming Sotheby's mis-represented the paintings and saying they were not by Stubbs.

Mrs Zarek told Mr Justice Simon Brown she was taking a painting to Christie's for attribution and decided, without telling anybody to take the two bound paintings in a carrier bag for valuation at the firm's offices in King Street, central London.

She said a Christie's employee confirmed the third

painting as the work of Martin Sharp but he did not attach any quality to the foxhounds.

Mrs Zarek said that she mentioned her Christie's trip to her employers a short time after the Sotheby's sale but Mr John Nicholson, the sale room manager, told the court that Mrs Zarek had only mentioned it to him this year. He said Christie's had told her that the paintings were of no quality and no value.

Mr Nicholson added that he still believed the paintings were not the work of George Stubbs and that the initial price estimate was perfectly all right.

Mr Paul Thomas, the consultant retained by Messenger May Baverstock, said he was not a Stubbs expert but he found extensive overpainting and poor depictions of a hound's anatomy. However,

he said he was not surprised when he saw the initial sale price because the purchaser was a known speculator.

He viewed the two paintings at Sotheby's but said he found the overpainting and surface dirt had been removed, and there had been a "cosmetic job" although not a full restoration.

He dated the oils at between 1850 and 1880 and added: "In my heart of hearts, I believe there was insufficient quality for them to be from the Master's hand."

Mr Mark Hancock, an art dealer from West London who bought a George Stubbs painting in Worthing three years ago for £520 which was later sold in New York at Sotheby's for \$380,000, told the court that he thought the paintings were early nineteenth century and not the work of Stubbs.

EEC rule may increase holiday prices

From Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor, Jerusalem

Package holiday prices could be pushed up 10 per cent if proposals contained in the EEC draft directive on package travel are implemented.

Mr Sydney Perez, vice-chairman of the Association of British Travel Agents' EEC liaison committee told delegates at the association's conference meeting in Jerusalem yesterday that the cost of compliance would be "substantially more than marginal".

He dismissed as "patently nonsense" advice contained in the directive that the additional insurance cost "is not likely to be more than marginal".

Eight months after the draft directive was published the cost to tour operators of accepting unlimited no-fault liability for their holidays was far from certain.

"The directive proposes an absolute and unlimited liability on the organizer for death, personal injury, and illness, irrespective of the holiday destination."

"It is not therefore surprising that, to date, the insurance market has been unable to assess the risk and establish levels of cover and premiums", Mr Perez

said. Another worry was an escalation of claims "due to the increased claims consciousness of consumers", leading to higher settlements.

The insurance industry had been criticized strongly in the trade press for failing to put a price on covering the requirements of the directive. Mr John Kaye, an underwriter who is managing director of Travel and General, told a conference workshop meeting: "It is very difficult to put a definite premium to an unfinished product."

He said that he believed the insurance industry would be "well positioned to price the product" when a finalized form of the directive becomes available.

He said: "The availability of cover and the eventual price will undoubtedly be affected by the attitude taken to the death, injury and serious illness sections. There is the potential for the catastrophic claims scenario. If the geographical and financial boundaries remain world-wide then I believe the cost of compliance may be high."

Despite last summer's airport chaos

only 6 per cent of package holidaymakers expressed dissatisfaction with their holidays, according to research announced yesterday.

Preliminary findings of a poll conducted for the Abta show that 85 per cent of returning tourists were satisfied with their holiday. The remaining 9 per cent rated their holiday fairly good.

Travel agents fared better than tour operators in the poll: 87 per cent replied that it was very likely they would use the same agency again.

The association also asked holidaymakers who they thought was to blame when things went wrong: 37 per cent blamed the holiday company, 21 per cent their hotel, and 12 per cent the airport or air traffic controllers. Only 10 per cent said it was nobody's fault.

The number of British holidaymakers choosing Spain dropped for the first time this summer.

A fall of 0.1 per cent was recorded for British visitors, Mr Arturo Claver, director of the Spanish National tourist office in London said.

Rare Blake edition unsold

An edition of William Blake's *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*, the only copy unquestionably printed by him and estimated at up to £250,000 (£141,000), failed to sell at Christie's New York on Tuesday night.

A publisher's proof of Blake's "Jazz", colourful and famous stencils estimated at up to \$400,000, attracted no one prepared to bid beyond \$280,000.

In London such disasters do not immediately become apparent as the auctioneer makes no comment. In New York, however, he is obliged by law to announce "pass" and such disappointments put a damper on proceedings.

Another edition of "Jazz" did sell, for \$187,000.

This has been print-selling week in New York and Christie's most sustained offering was 200 lots from the Neuberger collection of modern European prints. Collected

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

from the 1920s until the 1960s by Heinrich Neuberger, a German cigarette manufacturer, and his son Walter, they had been promoted on account of their quality and the prestige of their collectors. They were described by a prominent dealer as "a bit blunderbuss, without a clear idea of what the collection was trying to be, and of variable condition".

In the event they put up a respectable but unsensational show, totalling \$4.3 million.

One of five rare portfolios published by Die Brucke, the early twentieth century German artistic group, fetched top price of \$528,000 (£298,300), selling below its estimate to one of many West German

dealers competing against American collectors.

Another portfolio of abstract images by Wassily Kandinsky sold to a New York dealer for \$80,800, a record for a print by the artist, selling just above its upper estimate.

A single woodcut printed in black and hand-coloured by Max Pechstein, an artist distinguished for having been expelled from Die Brucke, achieved a record for a print by the artist of £46,600.

A number of lots by Kirchner went unsold, the theory being that the market "overdosed" on them at a recent European sale devoted exclusively to the artist's graphics.

Three out of five paintings of old Canada by Cornelius Krieghoff, that country's most famous artist, and consigned by descendants of their original owners, were bought by Canadians at Sotheby's London yesterday, for a total of £275,000.

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Survey of social opinions shows Britain has become a less liberal society during the 1980s

Growing opposition to homosexuality and permissiveness

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The British public's disapproval of homosexuality and sex outside marriage has increased in recent years according to an important study of attitudes which concludes that permissiveness has been in decline during the 1980s.

British Social Attitudes, an annual survey carried out by Social and Community Planning Research, found that since 1983 — the first year it carried out detailed studies — growing numbers of both men and women, including the young and the old, condemn homosexual relationships.

Overall, 62 per cent of the public believed in 1983 that homosexual relationships were always or mostly wrong. When the organization repeated the question in 1987, that figure had risen to 74 per cent. The researchers linked that finding to a marked increase in the disapproval of extra-marital sexual relationships.

Two-thirds of the population believe that government

warnings about Aids should say that some sexual practices are morally reprehensible and nearly a third believe that Aids is a punishment to the world for its decline in moral standards.

"There is", the report says, "a strong authoritarian streak in British society. We should not use this phrase pejoratively since it relates to a deep-

There is a strong authoritarian streak in society

rooted sense of conformity and traditionalism."

But not all the pointers go the same way. Pre-marital sex appears to be disapproved of by fewer people now, and public support for allowing abortion has increased significantly.

The organization is an independent group which pays for its intensive studies of attitudes using money from the Sainsbury Charitable

Trust, Nuffield Foundation and government departments.

Its central conclusion is that Britain in the 1980s is growing more censorious. However, people appear to be slightly less honest (at least in answering hypothetical questions about tax payments) and less trusting of such public institutions as the police — and press.

They are more worried about the environment, especially the British countryside; want extra money devoted to the National Health Service, and remain both highly critical of trade unions and at the same time suspicious of the operations of big business and the City.

The organization says in its report that it detects no revolution in public attitudes in favour of the "enterprise culture" during the years presided over by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Interviews were carried out last spring. A total of 1,800 people were questioned on most items.



BRITAIN'S CHANGING ATTITUDES TO SEX

SEX OUTSIDE MARRIAGE:	1983 %	1987 %
'Always' or 'mostly' wrong	62	74
Pre-marital sexual relationships	28	25
Extra-marital sexual relationships	83	88
Homosexual relationships	62	74

IS IT ACCEPTABLE FOR A HOMOSEXUAL PERSON:	1983 %	1987 %
to be a teacher in school?	41	43
Yes	53	50
No	47	50
to be a teacher in college or university?	48	51
Yes	48	44
No	52	56
to hold a responsible position in public life?	53	54
Yes	42	39
No	58	61

PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES AND FILMS	1983 %	1987 %
They should be:		
-banned altogether	33	36
-available in special adult shops but not displayed to the public	52	42

PERMISSIVENESS

Higher support for pornography ban

More people now think pornography should be banned outright. Support for such a ban has grown since 1983, noticeably among young women.

Another indication of a less permissive climate is public attitudes on whether doctors should be allowed to give contraceptive advice to children.

Five years ago, 50 per cent of the public disapproved of contraceptive advice to young people aged less than 16, now some 60 per cent now do. The

researchers discovered that London is more liberal than the country at large. While only one in 10 Scots believe that homosexuality is not at all wrong, one in two Londoners share that perspective. In Wales, only 28 per cent of the population would allow a male homosexual to teach in schools, but in London the figure is 49 per cent. Londoners are also more anxious about the environment than other Britons.

But the SCPR report shows that it

would be wrong to interpret public attitudes as uniformly anti-progressive. Take women and the family. Support for sex discrimination laws remains high. Since 1980 the number of people who say a married woman with children ought to stay at home rather than go out and work has dropped from 62 per cent to 45 per cent. The research shows, however, that when it comes to the division of tasks in the home, the traditional woman's role has hardly changed.

HEALTH

Most want more cash for NHS

The public still wants government spending on the National Health Service to be increased, the report finds.

More than two-thirds of those questioned wanted improvements in hospital waiting lists for non-emergency operations, shorter waiting times for appointments with consultants, and better staffing levels for doctors and nurses.

Satisfaction levels have fallen. A total of 55 per cent expressed satisfaction in 1983 against 41 per cent in the present survey.

Health was made top by 52 per cent in the survey when offered a choice between items.

In education, there is now marked support for selective secondary schooling. Some 52 per cent of people want a grammar and secondary modern system.

People are more worried about the state of the countryside, the report has found. There is a widespread belief that the countryside is changing for the worse.

When a similar question was asked in 1983, 49 per cent said they thought the countryside had been deteriorating. That figure is up to 56 per cent.

HONESTY

More people will fiddle expenses

British people remain fundamentally honest, the survey found even though people are marginally more likely to fiddle their expenses or pocket the wrong change in a shop.

In 1984, when SCPR last asked that question, 54 per cent of the population declared flatly that fiddling expenses was wrong. That figure has dropped to 52 per cent.

And while 61 per cent said pocketing the incorrect change was wrong four years ago, 58 per cent disapprove now.

But people also make quite detailed judgements about when and how they would peculate. The higher the amount fiddled the greater the disapproval. Also the bigger the shopkeeper being swindled the more approval: while 8 per cent say there is nothing wrong with pocketing the wrong change for a £5 note in a big store, only 4 per cent condone it in a corner shop.

But if people are relatively honest, that does not translate into huge confidence in the public sector. Asked if the police can be trusted to serve the public interest, 51 per cent said yes. Only 37 per cent trusted governments — of any party and only 31 per cent local councillors of any party.

That apparent lack of con-

fidence extends to the private sector. Asked who benefits from profits made by British firms, 68 per cent answered mainly the owners or shareholders, 21 per cent the directors and only 9 per cent the employees and public.

While the success of the City of London is deemed essential to the success of the economy, the City is seen by two thirds as out for quick profits at the expense of longer-term investment.

But over time, it is clearly the public sector that the public thinks has not been functioning well enough. Take the National Health Service. Since 1983, there has been a 17 per cent drop in the number of those estimating that the health service is well run. Councils and the police have also fallen in esteem.

Manufacturing industry is thought to be better run. And there has been a jump of 12 per cent in the proportion who believe the nationalized industries are run well. Fewer believe the BBC is well run — though it has a rating higher than the police. Almost as low as trade unions and local authorities in the public's estimate of efficiency are national newspapers — only 15 per cent.

QC waives fees to help in tribunal test case

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A Queen's Counsel and other lawyers will be waiving their fees in an important test case to be brought before the Court of Appeal by an organization of young barristers and law students who take on cases free of charge.

The group, the Bar's Free Representation Unit, takes on about 900 cases a year across a whole range of tribunals. Last year it was successful in 78 per cent of cases.

The unit has about 100 unqualified Bar students, pupils and mainly young barristers it uses to act for clients who cannot afford hefty legal fees and do not qualify for legal aid.

The Court of Appeal case expected to come up before Christmas is the first time it has taken on work in the higher courts and it has secured the services of Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC.

Mr Richard Calland, chair-

man of the Free Representation Unit, is acting as junior counsel in the case. He is waiving fees of about £200 a day while Mr Stewart's fees are estimated at a minimum of £500, plus £350 for advice.

The case is a test appeal over the right of a company to refuse redundancy payment to an employee on the ground that as the company had changed its name, the employee no longer had any right to redundancy payment.

Mr Calland said: "The amount of money involved is small, only about £200. But it is an important legal principle with implications for many people."

The unit has launched a contingency fund so it can pay the costs of the other side in the event of losing. Its own future is also dependent on donations, although its main funding is from the Bar Council.

Donaldson to press for change in appeal law

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, is to press the Government to bring in a fetter on the right to civil appeals before the Court of Appeal.

He said yesterday: "It is the sort of thing that could be included in a Bill resulting from the Lord Chancellor's Green Paper". His proposal is aimed at filtering out some of the hopeless appeals which are adding to delays in the Court of Appeal. It could mean removal of the automatic right of appeal in cases where it now exists, such as those involving children.

Lord Donaldson suggests that the need to obtain leave to appeal, which applies to about half the cases before the

Court of Appeal's civil division, should be extended.

He says some oppose his views on the ground that the opinions of the trial judge should not finally determine a person's rights.

He points out that those opponents would probably be content with a shortened form of appeal, where the case could be "more or less summarily dismissed" if the person could not show grounds for having the original judgment varied or reversed.

Yet that, he says, is in effect what already happens when people apply to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal. Many matrimonial appeals should never be allowed to come to the court, he added.

Major Ronald Ferguson talks to Hello!

After the unhappy events of recent months, Major Ronald Ferguson tells us how he feels about the whole affair and the effect on his wife and daughters.

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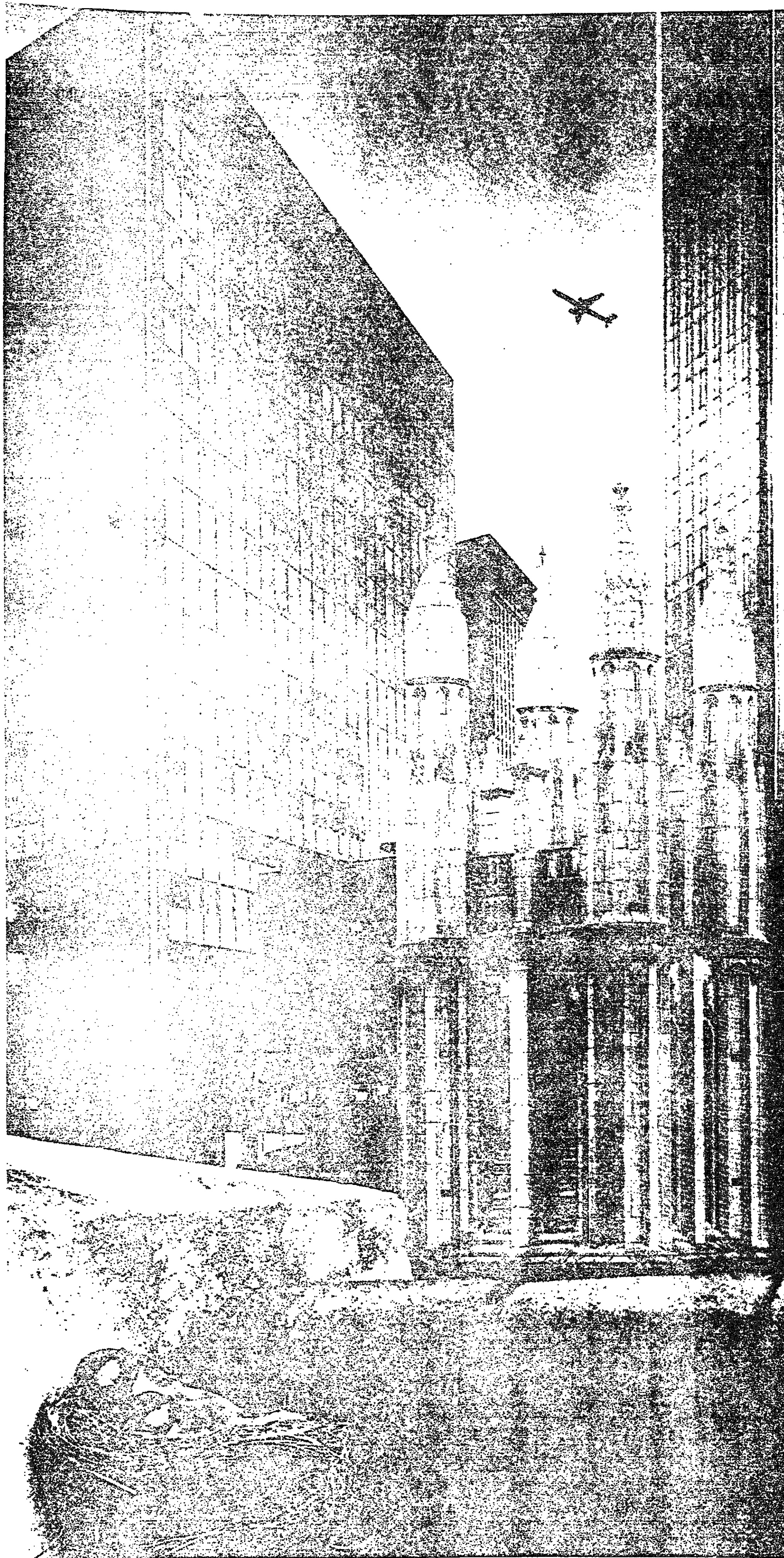
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Army may resume advertising on TV to counter shortage

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The British Army is likely to take on many more women and to begin television advertising in an attempt to overcome potentially serious recruitment problems over the next few years.

Senior Ministry of Defence officials admitted to MPs yesterday that the Army was 1.5 per cent below full strength, and that both recruitment and wastage rates were worsening.

For demographic reasons, the age group from which the army recruited would shrink by 20 per cent in the next five years, Mr Richard Mottram, an Assistant Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, told the all-party Defence Select Committee.

The ministry already has under way a project called Marilyn (Manpower and Recruitment in the Lean Years of the Nineties), and Mr Mottram said the first definite decisions on how to proceed would be taken within the next six months.

He hinted strongly that the ministry would resume television advertising as part of an upgraded recruitment effort.

It suspended costly television advertising in 1982

because recruitment then was comparatively easy.

He said that the traditional balance between men and women in the Army would be re-examined to see whether more women could be taken on.

The ministry would also be looking at whether the Army's total manpower requirement could be reduced by changing some of its tasks.

"Measures will be taken progressively over the next few years as the implications of the demographic trough unfold", Mr Mottram said.

He agreed that the Army would need more highly trained recruits to handle more sophisticated equipment. The ministry was making "realistic" provisions for increasing pay, but would not be engaging in "an auction" with the private sector.

He said the ministry had conducted surveys on the reasons for people leaving the Army early. The most prominent were better pay and promotion prospects in the civilian market, the "turbulence" of service life with soldiers wanting to own their own home and their wives

wanting their own careers, and a growing unwillingness to make a long-term commitment to a single career in public service.

At the insistence of the committee, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, appeared at yesterday's meeting to answer questions on the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas. The MPs had dismissed senior MoD officials last week after they repeatedly stonewalled on the issue.

Mr Hamilton announced that a decision would be taken by March at the latest, and that the matter would be coming before ministers shortly.

But a private agreement had clearly been reached before the meeting that the MPs would not press the minister on the current state of MoD thinking.

The Government has emphasized that the Gurkhas will continue to play a role in the British Army after 1997 when Britain hands Hong Kong, the main Gurkha base, back to China. But the scale and nature of that role has yet to be determined.

Sheep farmers plan for Euro-market

By Peter Davenport

The campaign to prepare the United Kingdom for the single European market in 1992 left the boardroom and went out into the farmyard yesterday.

Several thousand shepherds and sheep farmers attended a one-day event at Harrogate in North Yorkshire aimed at helping them to take advantage of a marketplace free of tariff barriers and with 320 million potential customers.

Mr Eric Clifton, a former regional livestock adviser in the North of England for the Ministry of Agriculture and the organizer of yesterday's event at the Great Yorkshire Showground said: "British producers have got to get themselves geared up to provide the sort of lamb which is wanted on the Continent."

"It has to be well-fleshed, bright, attractive, young and not over-fat," he added. "If we do not establish ourselves in the market place, other European countries will."

Yesterday's event, for sheep farmers throughout the North of England, an important production area, was organized jointly by the National Sheep Association, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society and the Meat and Livestock Commission.

One firm represented at the event yesterday, North Riding Lamb, based at Thirsk in North Yorkshire, has made significant steps. Mr Robert Fletcher, the managing director, said his company had just bought a light aircraft to fly European customers to its British headquarters.



Mr David Wilkinson considering the Euro-potential of two blue-faced Leicester sheep at the one-day autumn event held in Harrogate yesterday (Photograph: Asadour Guzelian).

Balance of power could go to communist

By Craig Seton

A communist will hold the balance of power in the Nottingham City Council if the Conservatives lose a bye-election today.

Mr John Peck, aged 66, a long-standing Marxist, has promised that if the Conservatives lose the Byron ward he will use his vote to end the Tories' 18-month control of the city.

The election was called after the death of a Conservative councillor. The Tories are defending a majority of 471 in an electorate of more than 10,000.

Mr Peck is one of only six communist councillors in Britain and is on the national executive of the British Communist Party, which he joined during the Second World War. "I have made no deals with Labour", Mr Peck said.

"The only vote of mine that they can count on will be to give them the leadership of the council. After that, I will vote on each issue on its merits. There will be no automatic support for Labour from me."

Mr Bill Bradbury, Conservative leader in Nottingham, said he was confident Mr Jess Paterson, aged 47, would beat off the challenge from Mr John Clark, aged 33, a Methodist lay preacher, who is standing for Labour.

Haughey absence reveals weakness

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

The ill-health of Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, is still causing concern among ministers in spite of his discharge from hospital yesterday, and his absence has highlighted important government weaknesses.

Without Mr Haughey at the helm, Fianna Fail has been drifting badly, with decisions being shelved until his return. He is unlikely to resume his full role for another month and doctors have advised him not to do too much at his home in Kinsealy, Co Dublin, while he recuperates from a severe respiratory infection.

Mr Haughey was admitted to Dublin's Mater hospital on October 14. He had left the same hospital only hours before, having been on his third visit that week for treatment for kidney stones.

The time he spent in hospital - 19 days - has given rise to considerable speculation about his health. It is now clear that he was seriously ill and for a time was in intensive care. A picture published over the weekend shows him looking gaunt.

Anxiety over Mr Haughey's health has not helped Mr Brian Lenihan, the deputy prime minister, run the government smoothly. MPs have been more interested in speculating about the future should Mr Haughey not return: some have been involved in embryonic conspiracies over potential successors. The past three weeks have confirmed, however,

that there is no obvious successor.

Mr Lenihan, who has only recently recovered from a serious liver complaint, has put up good performances in parliament but has clearly neither the will nor the sharpness to take over.

Other senior ministers have failed to make their mark. Mr Ray MacSharry, the finance minister often seen as heir apparent, is preparing for a four-year stint in Brussels as an EEC commissioner.

If Mr Haughey is unable to play a leading role during the next four weeks, then the government is likely to experience a stormy passage.

A plan for the redrawing of constituency boundaries, which would damage the interests of the smaller parties and improve Fianna Fail's position, is already floundering.

A serious dispute over health cuts is looming and the government, which relies on the votes of three independent MPs, could suffer a humiliating defeat.

As the review of the Anglo-Irish agreement approaches later this month the government is facing renewed pressure from Fianna Fail constituency parties to scrap the eight-month-old extradition agreement with Britain.

So far no Fianna Fail MP has come out against the extradition arrangements but without Mr Haughey's tough hand around that could change.

Bishop will meet city council chief over cuts

By Peter Davenport

The Bishop of Bradford is going to meet the Conservative leader of the city council tomorrow to protest that economic measures introduced by the authority will create hardship and division.

The meeting will take place a few hours before leaders of mainstream churches in the city hold a conference to plan their response to the cuts.

The bishop, the Right Rev Robert Williamson, has already criticized the measures to save £5.8 million from the council budget and the loss of 2,500 jobs over the next five years.

The churches are particularly concerned at plans to sell up to 15 old people's homes, some sports centres and other services.

The bishop has written to 50 of his clergy in Bradford, including 20 working in the most deprived inner-city parishes, asking them for evi-

dence about the adverse effects of the economic package introduced by the Conservative council.

A spokesman for the bishop said yesterday that his staff had been "overwhelmed" by the response. He will tell the council leader, Mr Eric Pickles, at tomorrow's meeting of the church's concern.

Local leaders of Nalco, the local government officers' union, yesterday met senior officers of the council to draw up agreed guidelines for detailed discussions about the cuts.

The union has decided to take no further action over a ballot for strike action by its 6,500 city hall members, at least until next Monday, so that results of talks can be assessed. However, the National Union of Teachers in Bradford is balloting its 3,000 members on a half-day protest strike later this month.

Bank halts adverts with Jewish theme

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Midland Bank has halted a £1 million television advertising campaign which featured a caricature of a Jewish businessman.

The commercial, which led to complaints that it was anti-semitic, was promoting the bank's Credo service for small businesses. It was to run until November 20 but the bank's chiefs decided to scrap it after formal complaints to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The decision came as Mr Haymin Pinner, secretary gen-

eral of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, met Mr Frank Willis, controller of IBA advertising, and received an assurance that the commercial would not be repeated.

The bank said yesterday: "We had not foreseen that the advertising would arouse concern within the Jewish community which we very much regret."

The commercial, which featured a Jewish clothing manufacturer, had undertones of his being mean and showed him picking sequins from the floor.

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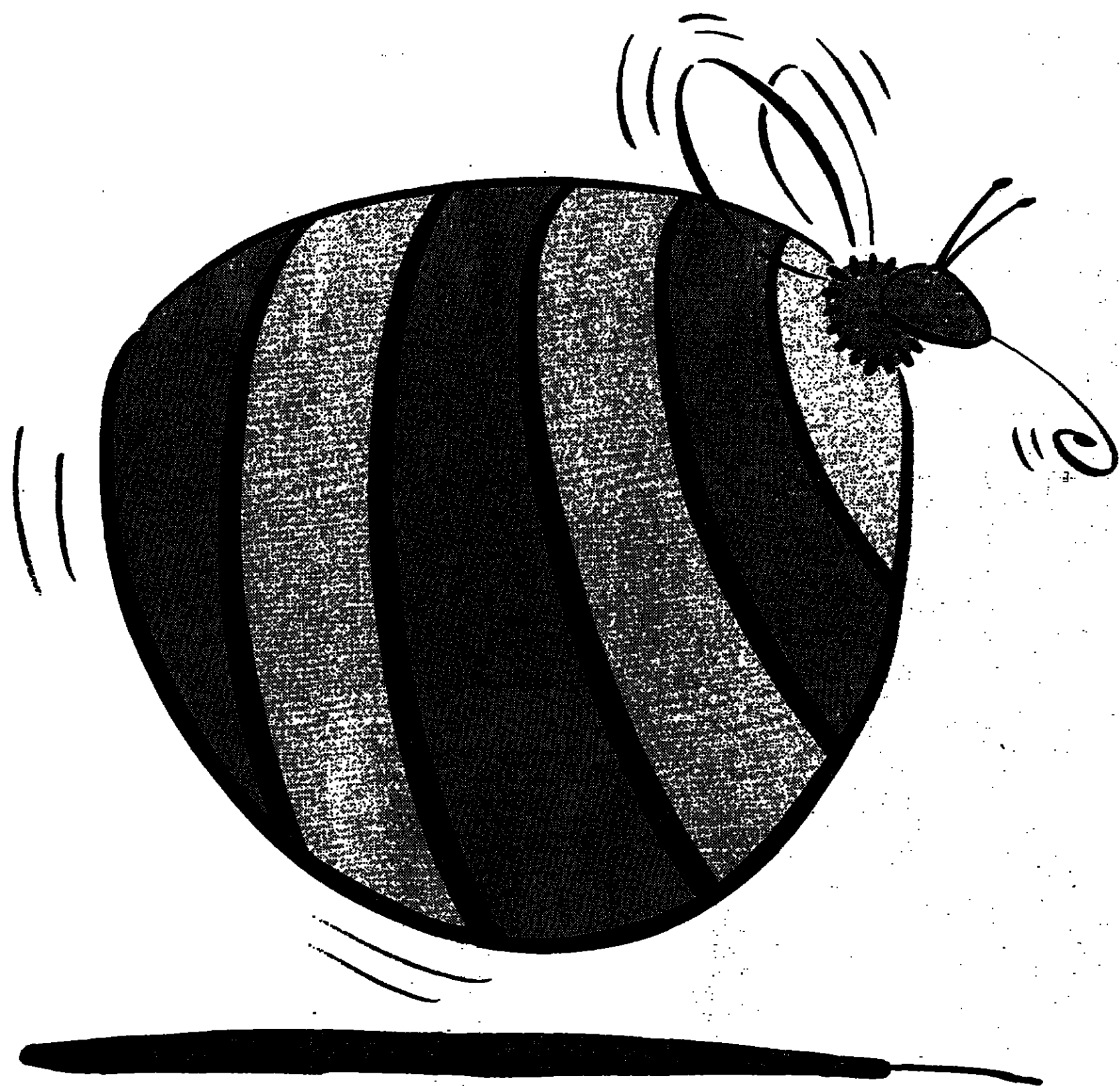
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Likud set to pay high price for coalition

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The two main parties emerged as the losers in the general election in Israel. Neither the Labour Party nor Likud won a clear mandate.

However, with Labour apparently resigned to sitting in opposition, Likud yesterday began trying to stitch together a workable coalition from among the four religious parties which between them won 18 seats and the three far-right parties with seven seats.

Labour also opened negotiations with the religious parties with little hope of forming a government, but more in the forlorn hope of constructing a "blocking

majority" of at least 61 seats which could prevent a Likud-run coalition from implementing any of its policies in the 120-seat Knesset.

NEW KNESSET

	1988	1984
Likud	39	41
Labour	38	44
Shas	6	5
National Religious	5	4
Agudat Yisrael	5	2
Degel Hatorah	2	0
Citizens' Rights	2	0
Movement	3	3
Mapam	3	3
Shinui	3	3
Tehiya	3	3
Tzomet	1	1
Moledet	1	1
Communist Party	1	1
Progressive List	2	2
For Peace	2	2
Arab Democratic	1	1

The arithmetic was close, but Labour had little chance of getting the necessary total. Likud, with 39 seats, could count on 46 votes with the far right-wing parties. Labour, with 38 seats, could count on 49, including the support of three moderate left-wing and centre parties, as well as the new moderate Arab Party.

In addition, Labour could probably rely on the votes of the Communist Party and the Progressive List for Peace, even though no coalition with

them would be possible. This would give the Left 56 votes, making it necessary for it to persuade at least five of the 18 religious party members to vote with it. Likud, on the other hand, needs 15 of the religious members to join its coalition, if it is to rule. If it could get more it would be able to dispense with one or other of the extreme-right parties whose inclusion might cause problems.

The negotiations are delicate and likely to be drawn-out, because the small parties mean to sell their support to the highest bidder in an effort to obtain legislation and help for issues particularly important to them.

Since the religious parties are naturally inclined to the right, Likud's task is easier. However, all of them expect Cabinet posts if they join the Government and will demand high priority to be given to measures to protect the Orthodox ways of life. These measures could make Likud unpopular among the secular Jews who still make up 80 per cent of the population.

The National Religious Party, which has the longest experience in coalition, wants the portfolios of education and religious affairs. Shas, the party of oriental Orthodox Jews, is interested in the same two, as well as housing.

Agudat Yisrael, originally a non-Zionist party, is interested in the Interior Ministry portfolio. At the same time, it is making a priority of obtaining legislation to protect the religious way of life, including banning abortions, stopping Saturday football matches, and closing places of entertainment on the Sabbath.

Degel Hatorah will be pressing for money to be spent on helping the poor religious Jews in the depressed neighbourhoods whose votes on



Rabbi Menachem Porash of Agudat Yisrael, left, with Mr Avner Shaki, the National Religious Party leader, in Jerusalem.

Tuesday gave the party two seats.

The single most divisive issue which the religious parties are bound to insist becomes law is an amendment disqualifying all those who have not been converted to Judaism by Orthodox procedures. This amendment, which has been regularly de-

feated in the Knesset down the years, would be offensive to many American Jews, most of whom come from congregations run by rabbis who are not accepted by the Orthodox.

A coalition with the three right-wing parties will be no easier to negotiate. Tehiya wants the defence portfolio, second only to the Prime

Minister's job. Moledet, which wants to "transfer" all Arabs from the territories, is insisting that a referendum be held on the issue.

Polls suggest that up to 60 per cent of Israelis would vote to deport the Arabs, but Likud would be loath to take up this explosive issue. Tzomet, the other right-wing party, also

wants an important ministry, while all three of these groups would press for immediate annexation of the territories.

For its part, Labour can offer little to the religious parties and regards their demands as unacceptable and damaging to Labour's long-term credibility.

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Shamir discusses how to treat with religious winners

From Ian Murray

After claiming victory in the Israeli general election early yesterday, Mr Yitzhak Shamir had scarcely any sleep before starting work in the Prime Minister's office he has occupied for the past two years and now means to keep for another four.

The energetic Likud leader, who turned 73 last week, called in six of his most senior party colleagues to discuss strategy for negotiations with the religious and right-wing parties on forming a coalition.

The religious parties, which between them are the real winners of the elections, are particularly anxious to be given important posts.

The National Religious

Party swung to the right last year in choosing Mr Avner Shaki as its leader. A hardliner, he has made settlement in the territories, the death penalty for terrorists and retention of all land west of the Jordan the party's main planks.

He wants to see much greater emphasis on a Jewish-Zionist education, which is why he wants the Education Ministry. The party also wants to keep the influential Religious Affairs Ministry, and would like Housing as well.

Shas, the special party for the religious oriental Jews, won its six seats through its appeal to the poor communities which have felt themselves neglected by the establishment. Rabbi Yitzhak

Peretz, its leader, resigned as Interior Minister in the last Government rather than carry out a High Court ruling to register a reformed convert to Judaism.

He is now back in a position of much greater strength to press for a return to his old ministry and to campaign against permissiveness and for a stronger hand to deal with the Palestinian uprising.

Agudat Yisrael, originally a non-Zionist party, has learnt to use politics to win concessions for Orthodox Western Jews.

It sells its support for money to spend on building bible colleges, and it insists on exemptions from national service for its young followers.

Like Shas, it is ambivalent

about territorial compromise, arguing that saving lives is more important than saving land. Both parties, however, would basically prefer to hang on to an area which contains some of the most important sites mentioned in the Bible.

The least known religious party is Degel Hatorah, a breakaway from Agudat Yisrael and only three months old, which was inspired by the Brooklyn-based Rabbi Eliezer Seach who also formed the Shas party — even though he personally refuses to live in a Jewish state until the coming of the Messiah.

The new party's leaders decided the best way to bring out their voters was to pray at the Walling Wall in Jerusalem while the polling booths were

open. The party polled nearly 40,000 votes and won two seats, which it will use to help poor Orthodox communities.

The three right-wing splinter parties in the new Knesset all stand for annexation, tough measures to put down the Arabs and, in the case of Moledet, "transfer" of all the Arabs living in the territories.

Moledet is essentially a one-man party formed round the personality of a retired major-general who once commanded the West Bank, where he was popularly known as "Gandhi" because of his lean looks and his favourite fancy-dress costume of a white sheet. He is uncompromisingly tough and undoubtedly won a good number of his votes from supporters of the Kach party,

which was disqualified from the election for being racist.

Tehiya was formed by Likud rebels who objected to the Camp David agreement with Egypt. It has two charismatic leaders in Professor Yuval Neeman, who heads the project which put Israel's first satellite into space this summer, and Mrs Guela Cohen, a flamboyant orator who first addressed the public as an announcer for a clandestine radio station run by the Jewish underground army fighting the British.

Tzomet is a break-away from Tehiya, led by Lieutenant-General Rafael Eitan, who was Chief of Staff at the time of the Lebanon war. Tehiya does not go far enough to suit the general.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Kremlin allows 2,473 to leave

Geneva (AP) — Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union in October was the highest since 1980, with 2,473 allowed to leave, the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration, revealed here yesterday.

It said that only 78 of the émigrés went to Israel after passing through the transit centre at Vienna. The committee added that Moscow had allowed 14,288 Jews to leave so far this year and said that of these 1,232 had gone to Israel.

● MOSCOW: Soviet officials have agreed to allow the teaching of Hebrew, once punished here as a crime, and to allow Jews to participate in the World Jewish Congress, an official of the international group said yesterday.

Air crash in Poland

Warsaw (Reuters, AFP) — One passenger died when a Polish propeller-driven airliner made an emergency landing in a field because of engine failure in south-east Poland yesterday. Earlier, the Polish news agency, PAP, had reported 16 dead. Among an unknown number of injured passengers was an unnamed British citizen.

An official of the Polish state airline, LOT, said a Soviet-built Antonov 24, designed in the early 1960s to carry between 40 and 50 passengers, had crashed near the village of Bialobrzegi, south of Warsaw, on a scheduled flight from the capital to Rzeszow. A LOT official in Rzeszow said the plane had come down in good weather. A commission of inquiry had left from Warsaw to investigate, he said.

Briton found guilty

Kongsberg, Norway (Reuters) — A Norwegian court yesterday sentenced a Briton, formerly employed by the state arms firm, to two years' probation for his part in sales of high-technology to the Soviet Union. The court found Bernard Green, aged 50, guilty of giving false information to the authorities when Kongsberg Vaapenfabrikk sold computer equipment that enabled Soviet shipyards to make virtually silent submarine propellers.

Green, who pleaded not guilty, faced a maximum sentence of two years in jail. He was the only person charged with the 1982 and 1983 sales, which breached Western export restrictions and sparked a row with the United States.

Everest tidy-up

Kathmandu — A British expedition has made one of the first attempts to clean up the tons of rubbish dumped at Everest base camp by generations of climbers and trekkers (A Correspondent writes). It was organized by The Survival Group, an outdoor pursuits organization based at Morland in Cumbria, which combined the operation with a holiday.

The expedition, of nearly 50 people, found tin cans, paper and plastic packaging, glass bottles and medical equipment. The group burnt some of the rubbish and collected the rest in bin liners which they threw into a deep crevasse. Large plastic rubbish sacks were left to encourage climbers to at least restrict their waste to certain areas.

Karpov promotion

Moscow (Reuters) — Mr Viktor Karpov, the Soviet arms negotiator who helped work out the US-Soviet Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, has been appointed Deputy Foreign Minister, a government spokesman said yesterday. The appointment, announced by the Foreign Ministry, did not make it clear whether Mr Karpov would remain head of the Ministry's arms control and disarmament directorate.

The INF Treaty, under which both superpowers pledged to scrap their medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles, was signed by President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov at a summit in Moscow in May.

Marcos bail is paid

New York — Miss Doris Duke, a reclusive 76-year-old tobacco heiress once known as "the world's richest girl", yesterday put up \$5 million (£2.8 million) bail for Mrs Imelda Marcos, wife of former President Marcos of the Philippines. Mrs Marcos had pleaded not guilty on Monday to charges of embezzlement (James Bone writes). She will now be able to return to Hawaii to join her husband, who is waiting for the results of a medical report on whether he is fit enough to travel to New York to face similar charges.

The Prime Minister in Poland

Walesa pledges no-strike visit

From Richard Bassett, Gdansk

A drawn, serious Mr Lech Walesa said yesterday that there would not be any industrial action to overshadow Mrs Thatcher's three-day visit to Poland.

"Despite the Government's provocation — there is no other word for it — in announcing the closure of the Lenin Shipyard, we are calm and will decide our actions without hurry," he said.

The leader of the outlawed Solidarity was speaking in the presbytery of the movement's stronghold of St Brygid's Church, where tomorrow he will host a special lunch for Mrs Thatcher on the third day of her visit.

Later Mr Jerzy Urban, a government spokesman, said that General Czeslaw Kiszczak, the Minister of the Interior, had been authorized to meet Mr Walesa to remove "obstacles in the way of round-table talks".

Mr Urban said that, with obstacles removed, the talks might begin within a few days. This about-turn in policy is treated, however, with great suspicion by Solidarity.

Earlier, Mr Walesa had addressed some 8,000 ship-

yard workers, including members of the official trade union set up by the Government in the wake of the martial law ban on Solidarity.

"For the first time we can sing in chorus with one voice," he said, adding that supporters would remain determined to save the cradle of Solidarity from closure on December 1.

Mr Walesa insisted that decision to close the shipyard was "purely political" and quoted the yard's manager, who in an official interview recently said it was among the "most profitable in the Gdansk district."

But the Solidarity leader admitted that the Government's move had come as a shock, if not a surprise. "It is a shattering blow for the round-table talks but we are doing nothing precipitant, and as far as we are concerned the road to dialogue is still open."

Mr Walesa hoped that Mrs Thatcher might be instrumental in persuading the Polish Government to resume dialogue with the opposition before widespread industrial unrest became inevitable.

He also hoped that she

would resist attempts to harness her support to some spurious "Thatcherite ideology" thought up by Communist politicians here.

Mr Walesa's words combined with Mrs Thatcher's arrival seemed to have forced the Government to adopt a more conciliatory pose.

They are clearly pursuing a two-handed policy, threatening widespread closures of areas which they find politically unacceptable, along with the offer — still to be realized — of keeping some communication with Solidarity open.

Mr Walesa, however, made clear yesterday he addressed the shipyard workers that the decision to close the shipyard had not only torpedoed the chance of talks but also amounted to a declaration of war on Solidarity.

"We will never let them close this shipyard, the shipyard where Solidarity was born and where Lech Walesa works," he said.

When asked by a Polish journalist from an official weekly how he could reconcile meeting Mrs Thatcher with his belief in free trade unions, he said: "I am not qualified to

judge Britain's domestic policies. There are, I am sure, special conditions prevailing which require particular devices. But Mrs Thatcher's foreign policy is excellent and we love her very much."

● BELGRADE: Serbs and Yugoslavia's regional party leaders have begun a conference to try to clear the way for constitutional changes which would let Serbia regain control of Kosovo province (Dessa Trevisan writes).

The conference ends today when the Yugoslav Politburo will join the talks.

Demands for the resignation of the predominantly Albanian leadership in Kosovo were made during Serbian protests which lasted three months. They came to a halt after last month's Yugoslav Central Committee meeting.

Serbs in the Kosovo region threatened a collective exodus unless elements in the leadership they blame for the lack of progress and for alleged harassment resign or are forced out.

They hope Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, will purge the Kosovo leadership, as he did in Vojvodina.

Japanese led into holiday temptation

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

By floating the idea of a new legal holiday to be called Conjugal Day, the Japanese Government, undaunted by the odds stacked against it, is making another attempt to persuade the nation to relax now and again.

The Government envisages the holiday as one when Japanese husbands — normally cocooned in their offices and after-office bars until well past their wives' bedtime — will take their spouses out for a treat and enjoy the benefits of living in one of the world's richest countries.

It is resolved to persuade the Japanese people into putting their feet up more often, and Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, plans to spend next year focusing on

improving the country's quality of life. He has made a start by giving November the title "Leisure Creation Month". But he may have misjudged the challenge.

Getting the Japanese to relax is about as easy as sleeping with your eyes open. Few employees take their full allowance of two weeks' holiday, and most regard it as normal to spend their evenings entertaining clients.

The Government wants this to change. But if Mr Takeshita thought that his agenda for next year would be easy after his difficulties this year in trying to reform Japan's tax system, he may want to think again.

The Government has nominated November 22 for the

proposed holiday, the day before Labour Thanksgiving Day, thus giving couples two days in which to relax.

But both single and married women already have lodged protests. The former scent a whiff of male chauvinism and complain that the name does not embrace unmarried women, divorcees or widows; the latter are not convinced the plan will have the desired effect.

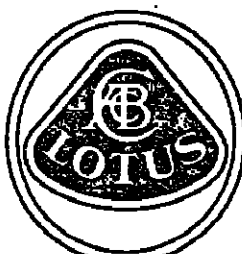
In a letter to Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry — the choice of the ministry responsible for organizing the new holiday says much about the relative priorities of work and pleasure in Japan — a housewife dismissed the proponents of the new holiday as "soft-headed"

since "conjugal relations do not improve because the husband is at home".

To publicize the idea of Conjugal Day, the Trade Ministry has launched a poetry contest, and is sponsoring a television chat show.

Typically, the work-orientated side of Japan's collective mind is already thinking ahead — department stores, travel agents, hotels, toy-makers and fashion houses are actively seeking ways to exploit the day.

Mr Takeshita's struggle is likely to be a long one. Even if all goes well with his plans, it is likely to take two or three years to win the Japanese round to the idea of Conjugal Day and pass the necessary legislation.



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Bush looks towards a summit as lead grows to biggest yet

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Vice-President George Bush, brimming with confidence after a new opinion poll gave him his biggest lead yet over Governor Michael Dukakis, is already looking beyond election day, saying he will seek an early summit with President Gorbachev.

"My purpose would not be to achieve any grand breakthrough, but to engage in the serious and direct examination of where we are and how we can best go forward towards further arms reduction, a decrease in regional tensions and further adherence to human rights," he said.

The speech, the result of anxious last-minute writing and rewriting by Mr Bush and one of his main speech writers, Ms Peggy Noonan, contained a new and less direct form of attack on his rival that will be followed for the remainder of the campaign. He sought to draw sharp distinctions between himself and Mr Dukakis, declaring that "a great divide" separated them.

Until now he has avoided specific discussion of what he might do in his early days in the White House.

But there is such an air of certain victory in the Bush camp that he is showing a willingness to look beyond next Tuesday and to start

outlining immediate priorities. "I am no mystic and my leadership will not be the most charismatic," he said. "But I'm not sure we need a lot of razzle-dazzle. There's probably enough drama in the world already." The presidency was a job needing "unflashy good judgement".

That passage was assuredly written by Ms Noonan, who invented the phrase he so likes to use: "I am a quiet man but I hear the quiet people." Mr Bush went on to say that he would try to be fair, would try to be wise and try to listen.

"It seems to me, after six months of a hard-fought campaign, that what it all comes down to is this: one of us represents the American mainstream and one of us does not." The mainstream was "the big, full-hearted centre" of the country.

The new tone is an attempt to soften the harshness of his attacks on Mr Dukakis while drawing distinctions between the personalities of the two men.

"Does my opponent respect old-fashioned common sense?" he asked. "I think he is guided more by abstract theories and grids and graphs and computer print-outs and the history of Swedish social planning. I suspect he is guided more by ideas

about the way men and women should be than the way they are," he said.

A new Washington Post/ABC news poll gives Mr Bush a lead of 55 to 42 per cent over Mr Dukakis. The survey also reflected unhappiness with the conduct of the campaign. Voters of both parties expressed dismay with the tone and tactics of the contest, as well as dissatisfaction with both candidates.

Democrats, who have already lost the last two presidential races, were especially critical of the way the party selected the nominees. Two out of five said their party was losing power and influence nationally. The survey contradicted other polls in recent days that suggested the race was narrowing.

The Washington Post, meanwhile, saying that by its standards both Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis were "too deeply flawed", announced yesterday that it would not endorse either candidate. "Neither man running has established a claim to the office that we find compelling," it said.

On the campaign trail, Mr Bush still keeps a distance between himself and reporters, some of whom question him through megaphones. Spectrum, page 14

The issues: Education

Tax-shy Oklahomans dodge schools test

From Michael Binyon, Oklahoma City

Oklahoma spends less on education than almost any other state. With the slump in oil and agriculture, its modest budget — \$2,764 (£1,582) per pupil, 45th in the table of 50 states — has been hard hit during the past three years. Teachers' salaries are low.

There is widespread unease at the quality of education in the state's schools, a recognition that they must do better if Oklahoma is to compete for new industry.

Yet neither presidential candidate is winning votes here for his promise to improve schools. Mr George Bush has said he wants to be the "education President".

But this does not explain his popularity in this Republican heartland. His stand against gun control and abortion, his championing of defence and patriotic values that will win him the election in Oklahoma. "His platform could have been written for this state," one Democrat remarked wryly.

Like many Southern states, Oklahoma has a somewhat cavalier attitude towards education. There is still a frontier spirit in this land of wide-open

spaces, cut off by distance from the intellectual centres on the East and West coasts. Local communities are reluctant to pay higher taxes to support their schools, and more than 60 per cent of the budget comes from the state.

During the oil boom, this suited everyone. But cycles of boom and bust have made funding erratic. And while industry pays lip service to the need for a trained work force, few link this directly with US competitiveness or see much need to make education a priority — even though Oklahoma ranks 45th in its ability to attract industry.

Teachers give two reasons for this. The first is that in terms of results, Oklahoma is still doing reasonably. In recent university entrance test scores, pupils were well above the national average. The second is that there are no votes in higher local taxes to fund education at a time of recession.

Schools here compare well with those in the big northern cities. Crime, drugs, vandalism, teacher assaults — the daily diet in the ghetto schools of Chicago, New York and Los

Angeles — are not found in small country schools. Even Oklahoma City, one of America's most sprawling towns, is divided into more than 600 school districts, giving each a small-scale local feel.

The state may be grappling with a crime wave as the recession bites but parents do not see a decayed and degenerated school system that has sparked the emotional protests in cities elsewhere.

School-leavers and even teachers do not have the

US ELECTION

illiteracy rates that prompted wholesale testing and reform south of the border in Texas. Low-paid teachers in rural communities are still better off than many around them. Most still command an old-fashioned respect.

Despite the candidates' promises and rhetoric, education is not a convincing campaign issue because there is little a new President can



The Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, hoping the polls got it wrong again, displays the classic "Dewey wins" error of 40 years ago at a St Louis meeting.

From Charles Bremner, Minneapolis

Governor Michael Dukakis and his entourage struggled bravely yesterday to keep up their high spirits after two national polls confounded their predictions and showed Vice-President George Bush maintaining a strong lead.

Mr Dukakis told a rally in Minneapolis: "Pollsters don't elect, people do. There are millions of people out there who haven't made up their minds. They're going to do that only very close to the moment they're going into the polling place."

Mr Dukakis was in Minneapolis to visit his wife, Kitty, who was taken ill on Monday. According to the Washington Post/ABC News poll, Mr Dukakis holds 42 per cent of the potential vote against 55 per cent for Mr Bush, a slightly wider margin than the previous finding.

In another poll, CBS News puts the gap at 53 to 41 per cent, unchanged from the last survey. The polls, taken over the weekend, were a blow because the Dukakis campaign has been riding a tide of reborn optimism for the past week, declaring that the gap is narrowing. But with the faith of true believers, the campaign yesterday dismissed the results. "We're going to take these polls and rip 'em up," said one senior official.

Campaign staff said their own polls indicated that the gap was narrowing. Mr Dayton Duncan, spokesman for Mr Dukakis, said: "The important thing is that in the critical big states we're essentially even."

Mr Dukakis, who is expected

to carry Minnesota, had switched plans and flown in late at night from Kansas City, along with his 200-strong court of officials and journalists, so that he could see his wife, who is in a local hospital with a severe viral infection.

The sudden switch threw local police and party organizers into chaos. Several senior party officials were annoyed that they had to cancel a dinner with Senator Edward Kennedy, a man they believe has a more certain political future than the Massachusetts governor.

Perhaps experiencing her last week of celebrity status, Mrs Dukakis waved to crowds from her balcony as squads of Secret Service and FBI men guarded her private wing of the Minnesota hospital.

Mrs Dukakis's illness, although not serious, has, according to close advisers, put a damper on the governor's spirits. But on his 65th birthday today he could take solace from the findings of an investigation into his own health by *The New York Times*.

As well as being declared in fine physical health, the newspaper's expert found he had "withstood a number of serious emotional stresses without professional counselling".

These included the death of his brother in an accident; the loss of a baby; and his crushing defeat in his attempt to be re-elected as governor in 1978. The report appeared to quash lingering rumours circulating in the summer that the governor had undergone psychiatric treatment during one of these crises.

Latinos back Democrats in battle for the Rio Grande

From Christopher Thomas, El Ranchito, Texas

Señor Artemio Cepeda is a Mexican, a poor man with seven children, and unemployed. His wooden shack is falling apart, his decrepit Chevrolet car does not work, his health is failing and he has no medical insurance.

After 11 years in America, he speaks no more than a dozen words of English. Living two miles from the Mexican border, he does not need to. The Rio Grande Valley may have been lost to the United States in battle, but Mexicans are decisively winning the war of occupation.

Señor Cepeda cannot vote, because he is not a US citizen. But three of his children can, and they are Democrats. "Dukakis is a good man," he says, sitting shirtless in the shade of a pepper tree outside his home. "He won't cut welfare. Bush will."

All along the Rio Grande Valley, blue and red "Dukakis-Bentsen" posters hang from poles and fences outside rundown houses in dusty, third world villages where English is hardly spoken.

Poor Hispanics seem to have an almost nightmarish view of the Republican Party,

although there is a growing middle class that is proving to be fertile Republican recruiting ground. Señor Cepeda scoffs at such political betrayal, noting with a gap-toothed grin that Mr Michael Dukakis speaks Spanish, "so he must understand us".

His daughter, Norma Alicia, aged 19, agrees. She says that all her generation supports the Democrats. "Republicans are rich. Democrats are for the poor people."

For months each year, the Cepeda family migrates to Florida or Michigan to pick fruit, making \$8,000 (£4,500) a year between them. In between, they live off a \$262 monthly welfare cheque.

They are not unusual: this is a way of life for vast numbers of Hispanics along the Rio Grande, one of the poorest sections of America.

It is among people such as the Cepedas that the shape of much of the South is being forged. With each generation, millions more Hispanics are eligible to vote, leaving an ever-deeper impression on the political landscape.

Suddenly there is ruthless competition for their support,

but so far Republicans are making little headway. The party is running a series of commercials on Spanish-language radio stations implying heavily, and falsely, that anybody who casts a ballot will have their citizenship papers checked. The obvious aim is to keep Latinos away from polling booths.

The Democrats worry that their most reliable Southern constituencies — Hispanics and blacks — vote in such small numbers. Only a generation ago the South was awesomely Democratic, but the party ironically sowed the seeds of its own demise in 1964 with historic civil rights legislation.

With every presidential poll since, conservative whites have defected, turning the region more and more into a Republican stronghold.

Latinos could swing Texas and California to the Democrats if they all voted. But they probably will not.

Señor Cepeda thinks he knows why. "In Mexico, elections are a farce. Nobody believes in them. People have to learn that it is different in the United States. It is worth voting here."

Canberra pressure on New Zealand

Hawke warning on defence leaked

From Richard Long, Wellington

A confidential Cabinet report, in which Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, warns his colleagues about Australian concern that New Zealand could drift into neutrality, was leaked here last night, greatly embarrassing the Government.

The report, which followed talks in August between Mr Lange, Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, and Mr Kim Beazley, the Australian Defence Minister, said the Australians had made it clear that a drift into neutrality would have serious consequences for the special relationship between the two countries.

The report was made public by Mr Jim Bolger, the Opposition leader, who refused to say where he had obtained the document. Mr Lange said he never commented on leaked reports.

In the report Mr Lange said that the Australian ministers had emphasized the im-

portance of the planned joint frigate project, under which 12 frigates were to be built in Australia, four of them for the New Zealand Navy.

Mr Lange's Government is under pressure from its left wing and peace groups to opt out of the deal, which will cost New Zealand more than £715 million. The project has also been condemned by the Labour Party conference.

In the private report to his colleagues after his talks in Canberra, Mr Lange referred to the joint frigate deal as "Beazley's pet project".

According to Mr Lange, Mr Hawke warned New Zealand that opting out of the project would raise questions about closer relations. Mr Beazley went further. A New Zealand drift into neutrality, with armed forces designed for a police-type operation, would have "a very detrimental effect on our overall relationship", he told Mr Lange.

Mr Lange said Mr Beazley's

view was that the frigates were required not for police-style duties in the South Pacific, such as the recent troubles in Fiji and Vanuatu, but to deal with the "more significant regional powers".

By the turn of the century such powers might have developed a naval capability which could pose a serious threat — especially in the submarine area — to both Australia and New Zealand, Mr Beazley was quoted as saying.

Although no countries were specifically identified in the report, defence experts in Wellington said Mr Beazley appeared to be referring to Indonesia. Mr Beazley was reported by Mr Lange to be worried that New Zealand might "drift out of its community of friends".

"His worry was that, unlike Australia, New Zealand did have the option of going neutral and designing its armed forces to a police force

type of operation," the report declared.

Mr Lange said that he could not commit New Zealand to the frigate project until all the cost details were known. But he reaffirmed to the Australian Cabinet that New Zealand shared a strategic identity with Australia.

The leaked report was embarrassing for Mr Lange's Government, as ministers have previously denied any pressure from Canberra over the frigate deal.

The New Zealand Government has placed great importance on defence links with Australia after New Zealand's effective suspension from the Auzus alliance with the United States.

The effective suspension followed the Lange Government's action in banning visits from nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships. The Royal Navy also suspended visits to New Zealand as a result of the ban.

Disgrace faces thalidomide 'saviour'

From Our Correspondent Sydney

Dr William McBride, aged 61, who was hailed as a hero and the saviour of millions of women when he exposed the morning-sickness drug thalidomide as the cause of deformities in babies, was himself branded yesterday for "scientific fraud".

He was found guilty by a three-man committee of eminent legal and medical experts headed by a former Australian Chief Justice.

Dr McBride, who last night disputed the findings, now faces the end of a brilliant career; the State Medical Board is to consider his fitness to practise.

It was in the early 1960s that Dr McBride carried out the medical research which led to the discovery that thalidomide damaged unborn babies.

A year ago the respected medical

pioneer was in the spotlight again, but this time when allegations of fraud were levelled against him.

Dr McBride, founder and head of Australia's Foundation 41 research organization, which he set up to investigate the causes of mental and physical handicaps, was accused of deliberately manipulating the results of inconclusive experiments on rabbits to show that another morning-sickness drug was also responsible for causing birth defects.

The allegations were denied, but Foundation 41 set up the committee headed by Sir Harry Gibbs, the former Chief Justice, to investigate.

After a four-month hearing, the committee yesterday released its findings, returning a verdict that Dr McBride was guilty of scientific fraud. It also found that the experiments were not conducted in accordance with proper scientific methods and were not honestly reported,

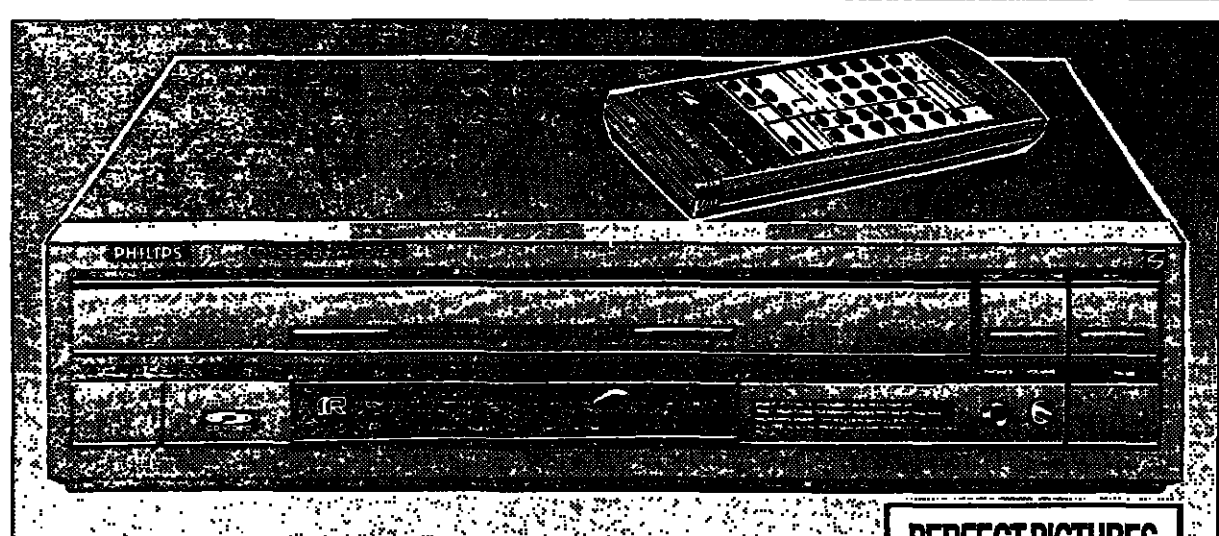
and that Dr McBride was "lacking in scientific integrity".

Rejecting the conclusions, Dr McBride said last night: "The way the committee of inquiry conducted its affairs meant that I was denied natural justice." Nevertheless, Dr McBride announced his resignation as director of the research foundation.

In Sydney, the man who first publicly raised the allegations of fraud against the doctor expressed unhappiness. "I think something like this is tinged with regret, especially since somebody with a reputation like Dr McBride has to come to this sort of an end to his career," Dr Norman Swan said, adding: "I certainly don't feel angry or happy about it."

Six years ago, long before Dr Swan, Dr Phil Varley, a Foundation 41 co-researcher with Dr McBride, openly queried the validity of the results. After an inconclusive inquiry, he lost his job.

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Prosperous Chengdu's low-paid police fight rising tide of crime

From Catherine Sampson
Chengdu

Crime is on the increase in this south-western boom town. New York-style, the police patrol in pairs because it is safer that way. Young Constable Jia Li and his companion, Constable Liang Wei, straighten their uniforms and check their holsters and mirrors in the full-length mirror which stands at the entrance to the police station responsible for the eastern section of the city centre of Chengdu.

They set off on their beat, which takes them through the busiest part of the town, where private traders hawk their wares from stalls, cars and small shops. This time they are greeted only with apprehensive looks.

One man watches them pass by, then, making a "gun" with his fist,

he pretends to shoot them in their retreating backs.

These policemen do not carry their electric cattle-prods on the beat — the last time they used them was apparently in 1984, when a crowd had to be dispersed at the Moon festival.

Chengdu has one of the highest crime rates in China. In 1987, according to official figures which are more than likely to understate the problem, this city centre police station arrested more than 2,000 people, an increase of more than 600 since 1980.

At the moment, the men at the station, which covers the east-central sector of the city, say they are arresting about six people every day, many of them transients. The sector has a permanent population of 8,000, but 500,000 to 600,000 people pass

through the city centre every day. The number of people punished by the courts has doubled, from about 30 in 1980 to more than 60 in 1987.

This latter, however, is a highly misleading figure, since most offenders never make it to the courts, because they can be sentenced to as much as three years of "re-education", even hard labour, on nothing more than the word of the police chief, Mr Song Liangzhi.

His decision has to be approved by superiors but, he says, "this is generally no problem".

He explained that he had the power to arrest anyone and put them in a cell for 24 hours, then in a detention centre for 15 days, before he decides on a sentence that he thinks suitable, up to the maximum three years. Only

crimes serious enough to warrant more than three years will be taken to court.

Yesterday constables on the beat caught a thief. Now he lies handcuffed on a concrete ledge about a foot wide in a clean, bare cell with names scratched into the whitewash of the walls. An enamel mug of water and a plastic bucket stand on the floor, and there is a barred window.

Outside the door, a stove pumps out pungent carbon monoxide which finds its way through the barred grill in the cell's door.

Mr Song puts the rising crime rate down to reform and "opening up" policies implemented in an advanced form in Chengdu. "We are studying foreign ways," he said, "and bad things get brought in at the same time."

Everyone is going into com-

merce, and that is raising new issues for the police. People's expectations, especially those of the young, have risen, and if they have no other way of getting all the things they want, they steal them.

Mr Song himself, in charge of 18 men and five women, (20 of whom are Communist Party or Communist Youth League members) makes about 160 yuan a month (about £27), and declares himself to be content with this small sum in a city where private businessmen are making thousands of yuan every month. The point is he loves his job because "every day is different".

Theft, in forms ranging from, admittedly occasional house-breaking to rampant pick-pocketing, is the main problem facing Mr Song's policemen.

Visitors to the city are invari-

ably warned that it is not safe to travel on the buses, since they are notorious hunting grounds for pickpockets. Tourists are also warned that it is not safe for women to walk around after dark, but Mr Song says most rapes occur in the unit suburbs.

Prostitution, however, is becoming a very obvious problem in Chengdu. Young women in need of extra spending money hang around the hotels, cinemas and many discos, and charge anywhere between 50 and 1,000 yuan.

They dress in black leather miniskirts and fancy sweaters which start in local stores at about 1,300 yuan before haggling.

Mr Song will admit to having arrested only about 20 prostitutes in the past two years, but since the existence of widespread prostitution is openly recognized by

people in Chengdu, his figures are probably to be taken with a large pinch of salt.

Second offenders may be sent for one or two years of "re-education through labour". Their clients are also arrested, and are fined up to 5,000 yuan in accordance with their incomes.

Next year the police station will move into spacious premises in a new office block, but for the moment it occupies an old-style courtyard on to which low wooden or brick buildings open.

The walls of the station reception room are completely covered in red banners — congratulations to the police for solving cases — which mostly have been presented by the victims. One, however, is from a repentant criminal.

"Every one tells a story," says Mr Song proudly.

Salvador rebels raid National Guard's base in the capital

From Tom Gibb, San Salvador

Left-wing guerrillas attacked El Salvador's National Guard headquarters close to the centre of the capital in broad daylight on Tuesday, killing four guardsmen and wounding 34 others.

It was the biggest attack on San Salvador in years, with the exchange of gunfire lasting half an hour.

As the guerrillas retreated into the densely populated shanty towns around the base, army helicopter gunships circled overhead and soldiers dodged from house to house in pursuit of them.

A plume of smoke rose from the burning buildings, accompanied by the crackle of ammunition exploding.

When reporters were allowed inside the base, firemen were damping down the smouldering remains of the mess hall and dormitories, which had been hit by mortar fire. In one corner lay two bodies, charred beyond recognition.

Outside the heavily fortified walls, bystanders pointed at the twisted and smoking remains of a car bomb, which was set off at the start of the attack. Another car bomb was de-activated by the Army.

The casualty list included the Director of the National Guard, Colonel José Américo Gómez, and four civilians who were visiting the base.

The residents of the shanty town have not seen this kind of fighting since the early days of the nine-year civil war, and

since the guerrilla organization in the capital was wiped out and many of its members tortured and killed by death squads.

But now the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front has rebuilt its urban groups. Much of its effort has been directed against the wealthy suburbs: car bombs have been set off outside restaurants and policemen have been killed.

"We have to bring the war to the residential areas, where the power lies, to convince them of the need to end all this," said Commander Joaquín Villalobos, the rebel leader.

In the countryside, guerrilla ambushes and minor attacks now happen daily. In the last 10 days the rebels have also assassinated three mayors.

The Army has responded to the increased action in the capital with patrols of troops in full combat gear.

However, as the Deputy Minister of Public Security, Colonel Leopoldo Hernández, commented as he surveyed the destruction to the National Guard's headquarters: "There is no real protection against attacks with weapons like this."

In addition to intensifying the offensive, Commander Villalobos and his fellow guerrilla leader, Commander Leonel González, have exchanged combat fatigues for suits and ties and have left the mountains on an unpre-

cedented, diplomatic tour. They are telling Latin American leaders that they want renewed dialogue with the Government, but they have not put forward any new peace proposals.

The dual policy seems aimed at convincing international opinion that there cannot be a solution to the war without the FMLN.

This month the rebels will have ample opportunity to try to demonstrate this. In less than two weeks, some 1,500 delegates are expected in San Salvador for the annual meeting of the Organization of American States.

The rebels also believe that they can take advantage of the country's polarized political scene in the run-up to the presidential elections next March. President Duarte is dying of cancer, his Christian Democrat Party is split, and the extreme-right Arena party is now favourite to win the presidency.

According to Commander Villalobos, the multi-billion dollar US effort to build a political centre and undermine the rebels has failed, forcing people to choose between the Army and the rebel movement.

He said that he believes the conditions exist for a mass insurrection, but it is a view many of the left disagree with. "It is clear a social bomb exists," said Commander Villalobos, "and there is a detonator — the FMLN."

Lucky escape marks royal farewell



The Duke of York talking to his wife from the HMS Edinburgh yesterday just before the couple narrowly escaped injury when a steel mooring line snapped as the vessel left Fremantle in Western Australia.

Embarrassed Australian Navy chiefs last night ordered an investigation into who left the cable secured (Christopher Morris in Sydney writes).

The Duchess's detective saved her from possible injury when he heard the cable breaking, grabbing her by the arm and pulling her away.

The cable snapped, then whiplashed

back along the hull and slammed into the steel plating above the lower aft deck only inches from where the Duke was waving goodbye to the Duchess.

The warship sailed out from harbour trailing the snapped cable. The Duchess jumped up and down on the wharf waving a white handkerchief with the Duke following suit on the quarter-deck.

It was the third time in as many weeks the royal couple had said their farewells in port: the previous times were in Sydney and Adelaide, when the Edinburgh made goodwill visits.

The Duchess flew out of Perth last

night for London to see Beatrice, the couple's baby. The Duke will see his wife just before Christmas, when the destroyer returns to Portsmouth.

Last night the Australian Navy tried to play down the dockside blunder. Commander Robin Clairville, chief staff officer to the naval officer commanding Western Australia, said: "The Duke and Duchess were in no danger when the mooring line parted."

The commander's statement contrasted, however, with television pictures showing the Duke ducking for cover and then grimacing angrily at his close call.

Sri Lanka decides against a curfew

Colombo — The Sri Lankan Government yesterday decided against declaring a curfew to frustrate attempts by the Sinhalese extremist People's Liberation Front to organize a strike in protest at the killing of three youths 10 days ago, allegedly by the son of a ruling party politician (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The Government said that the aim of the "subversives" was to disrupt the general elections and deny the people their democratic rights.

Meanwhile, the front's military wing claimed responsibility for an attack on a security forces camp on Tuesday. The extremists, who made off with about 500 weapons and 50,000 rounds of ammunition, apologized for killing seven members of the armed forces who resisted.

Spain rejects Eta truce offer

Madrid — The Spanish Interior Minister, Señor José Luis Corcuera, yesterday rejected a truce offer from the Basque separatist group Eta (Harry Debelius writes).

The offer, published by the San Sebastián daily *Egin*, was the second to be made in less than 10 months by the group, which called for 60 days without violence and an agreement to negotiate with exiled Basque leaders in Algiers.

Toll up to 70

Hanover, West Germany (Reuters) — A British soldier died of injuries suffered in the Rostheim air show disaster, raising the death toll to 70. His name was not released.

58 die in crash

Srinagar, India (AFP) — Fifty-eight people died when a bus skidded off a mountain road near this northern city

Lagos stay

Lagos (AP) — A judge granted a stay of execution to 12 young men convicted of armed robberies on the ground they were under 18 when they committed the crimes.

Fatal crossing

Algeciras, Spain (Reuters) — Police were searching beaches for 17 Moroccan men feared dead after their boat capsized on a clandestine crossing of the Straits of Gibraltar.

TV shut-down

Accra (AP) — The Ghana Broadcasting Corporation suspended television services and dismissed 19 workers and five union officials for their alleged role in the assault of an announcer.

Nordic chill

Stockholm (Reuters) — The first snow storms of winter caused power cuts and traffic chaos in Swedish cities.

Tree damage

Bonn — The Government says 52 per cent of West Germany's woods and forests, or 3.9 million hectares, is suffering damage from pollution.

Gulf flights

Baghdad (AP) — British Airways resumed flights to Baghdad 20 months after halting them because of Iranian missile attacks on the city.

Singer serious

Sydney — The singer Frank Ifield, aged 50, was seriously ill in a Sydney hospital and may never sing again.

Extreme-right challengers held at bay in South Africa

Botha's success in local polls fuels talk of early election

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Speculation that President Botha of South Africa may decide to call a general election next April, 11 months earlier than he is bound to do under the Constitution, has been reinforced by the results of the municipal elections held on October 26.

Detailed analysis suggests that the far-right Conservative Party, which seemed to be advancing inexorably to power earlier this year, would have difficulty in pushing its support much above 34 per cent of the white vote on a national basis, if a general election were held now.

That would be enough to double the number of seats held by the Conservatives in the all-white House of Assembly, the dominant chamber in South Africa's tricameral parliament for whites, mixed-race Coloureds and Indians, but would still leave them with only 45 of its 166 directly-elected seats.

Mr Botha's National Party, while suffering losses, could expect to retain a comfortable working majority in the House of Assembly, with the ultra-liberal Progressive Federal

Party and other groups to the left of the Government holding on to much of their present position.

Comparisons between local and national election results have to be treated with care. In local elections, many candidates run as independents, without clearly stating their party political allegiance. There is thus no overall breakdown of the October 26 poll by party.

However, by taking a sample of results in areas where the local elections were conducted on a party basis, Mr Donald Simpson, of the department of political science at the University of Potchefstroom in the south-western Transvaal, believes that he has been able to project fairly accurately what might happen at a general election.

Like Britain, South Africa has an electoral system of single-member constituencies where the winner takes all. It is not necessary to have a majority of the white vote to win a majority of seats in the House of Assembly. Forty-two per cent of the vote, Mr Simpson calculates, would

give a party 84 seats, a bare majority.

Although the Conservatives are approaching, or above, this level of support in most parts of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, their following is much lower elsewhere in the country. Of the more than 80 town councils won by the Conservatives last month, only two were in Natal and Cape Province.

The Conservatives' strength in the Transvaal is important because the province contains 53 per cent of the white population and accounts for 46 per cent of the seats in the House of Assembly. They did well not only in rural areas but also took 19 of the 42 wards in Pretoria, proof that they also have appeal for the more sophisticated urban Afrikaner.

In Johannesburg, the country's largest, most cosmopolitan and racially-mixed city, the Conservatives could win only four of the 51 wards. They also suffered a striking setback in the neighbouring municipality of Randfontein, which they failed to capture despite having won a parliamentary by-election there

WHITE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

(Figures in parentheses are the position after May 6, 1987*)

	Vote (%)	Seats
NP	49.0 (53.0)	100 (129)
CP/INP	34.0 (29.8)	45 (22)
PFP/IND	17.0 (17.4)	21 (21)
Total	100.0 (100.0)	166 (166)

*Computer projection based on October 26, if white general election held now. Source: Research by Mr Donald Simpson, Political Science Department, University of Potchefstroom.

NP=National Party CP/INP=Conservative Party and Herstigte Nasionale Party PFP/IND=Progressive Federal Party and Independents.

Source: Bureau for Information of South African Government

BLACK VOTE TURNOUT

	A	B	C
Transvaal	972,569	211,252	21.7
Orange Free State	204,147	80,508	39.4
Cape	257,799	68,214	26.5
Natal	25,426	7,454	29.3
Total	1,459,941	367,428	25.2

Total registered to vote in all wards 2,422,579. Total eligible by age to vote 3,118,729. A=Total whites registered to vote in contested wards. B=Total votes cast. C=Column B as percentage of Column A (percentage turnout).

Source: Bureau for Information of South African Government

with 63 per cent of the vote last March.

A row within the local branch of the Conservative Party contributed to the Randfontein débacle. But it also looks as if the March by-election may have been a freak result, due in part to the emotional appeal of the candidate, Dr Corné Mulder, the

son of the late Dr Connie Mulder, a popular and well-loved figure among right-wing Afrikaners.

What is still not clear is whether the Conservatives have reached some sort of natural ceiling at 33-34 per cent of the white vote or whether they have the potential to win significantly more

support should the Government adopt a sharply more liberal policy — for example, by releasing Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress leader, or by pushing ahead with more rapid relaxation of residential and school apartheid.

Part of the rationale for an early election is that it would give the National Party a clear five years ahead and put an end to the endless electioneering atmosphere in which every policy decision has to be judged by its acceptability to right-wing voters.

Time, it is argued, is not on the Conservatives' side. By 1994, the *de facto* breakdown of social and economic apartheid would have advanced to the point where the party's pledge to turn the clock back to the era of old-style partition would look even more unrealistic and impracticable than it does now.

While the outcome of the white municipal elections may have brought some comfort to President Botha, the results of elections to black local authorities offer little encouragement for his reform policies. The voter turnout,

the only statistic of significance, was even lower than originally estimated.

According to the final figures, no more than 367,428 blacks actually went to the polls. Of these, 282,449, or 77 per cent, cast their ballots during 13 days of "prior voting" from October 10 to 22, during which mainly elderly blacks were taken by truck and bus to the polling booths in a desperate attempt to boost turnout.

The black percentage poll, measured as a proportion of registered voters in town council wards where elections actually took place, was 25.2 per cent. Such was the apathy and indifference in the black community that in 43 per cent of black wards, candidates were either unopposed or none stood at all.

As a percentage of total registered voters, the black turnout was only 15.2 per cent, and no more than 9.2 per cent of total voters eligible by age to vote. That is on the Government's figures, which are independently reckoned to have underestimated the potential black vote in urban areas by at least a quarter.

Giant underwater dams guard Venice from flood peril

From Roger Boyes, Venice

Venice, where the water levels are watched like a fever chart, is to be saved from future inundation by huge submarine dams with garish canary-yellow tongues to stave off the floods.

The prototypes of these floating bridges, known as Moses (which stands for Experimental Electro-Magnetic Models), are to be tugged to the port near the Lido this month for nine months the project will be monitored, adjustments made and, over the next six years, a further 80 dams will be installed.

Serious flooding has been a fact of life in the lagoon city for well over a millennium, in AD 589, 875, 1240, and worst of all in 1966. It was this last inundation that was the last inspiration that spurred international and Italian efforts to save Venice from either sinking or drowning. Some 8,200

billion lire (£3.5 billion) has been set aside to protect the city.

The plan, the Venice project, is to be approved by an inter-ministerial committee in the next fortnight.

It tries financially to strike a balance between defending Venice from the tides and controlling the pollution of the canals. Bridges and sea walls are to be repaired, aqueducts and sewage treatment plants will be built, and decaying buildings restored.

The Moses dams are part of the tide-control scheme. The dams, weighing 1,100 tons each, will be fastened to the sea bed with a concrete strip and should not, under normal circumstances, be visible at all. Boats and the usual water traffic of Venice will be able to travel unimpeded in and out of the port. But when an exceptionally high tide is on the way, a compressed air mechanism will push

the water away and the contraption will lift itself above the water at a 45-degree angle, like a heavy-metal version of the Loch Ness monster.

A chain of 80 such dams should be able to protect the city. Dr Luigi Zanda, the head of the engineering consortium that is making the dams, said: "Our system of mobile enclosures is part of a co-ordinated environmental rehabilitation project. It is an essential part of a process that also includes reinforcement of the coastline, which we will begin next year, and at the same time the beginning of a trend to clean up the lagoon."

These manoeuvrable barriers were chosen after 20 years of hovering between plans, each one more fantastic than the other. There was for example the idea of "sand-jacking" — pumping a resilient substance into the sub-soil to raise land levels and protect build-

ings. Another plan was to anchor vast hot-water bottles to the sea bed and inflate them when the tides began to rise. The ecologists are sceptical about the new dams, since in their view they would disrupt the already impaired flushing effect of the Adriatic tides.

The Doges of Venice were also the city's water superintendents and were very strict about forbidding fishermen to dam the lagoon or fill up the mud flats. The tides, unimpeded, came rushing into Venice twice a day, sloshing through the canals, then sucking out the sewage. In those days the sea walls were carefully looked after and servants were even forbidden from heating carpets near the canals, lest the dust spoil the purity of the waters. Nowadays Coke bottles bob along the muddy Grand Canal.

The sea walls, though, were neglected in the 19th century. New

industrial zones — such as Porto Marghera, built in the Mussolini era, and the other reclaimed areas that now amount to almost 4,000 acres — blocked another escape valve for excess water. Too much of the lagoon is already blocked by the tides — and the result can be smelled everywhere. Reeking, poorly dredged canals are a permanent feature of this most glamorous city.

The ecological argument is that cleaning up Venice takes priority over protecting it from floods. The 1966 flood, which sent more than 6 ft of high water spuming through the homes and galleries of Venice, could be repeated at any time. But the city has learnt to cope with the problem.

More pressing is the 10,000 tons of nitrates and 2,000 tons of phosphates dumped annually in the lagoon by factories, incessantly

pumping nicotine-coloured smoke from their chimneys.

The Venice plan calls for a technical committee to draw up a waste-disposal strategy in the next six months and to begin dredging the canals. By 1992, work on a sewage treatment plant — for 70 per cent of the inhabitants — should be completed. But even such apparently uncontroversial moves have sparked protests.

Last week demonstrators from all over the Veneto region protested against the construction of chemical-disposal plants which, they said, would stink out their villages. Nobody wants the rubbish of Venice.

The dead hand of government bureaucracy means that rescue plans will be slow and will involve ugly modern artefacts, but that is the price of keeping dry, and alive, wading, not drowning.



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PARLIAMENT

Minister in row over sale of party head office

The Transport Workers (Workington, Lab) had probably made a far bigger profit out of the sale of the lease of Transport House in Westminster than came from the sale of the freehold of Conservative Central Office across the road, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons questions.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said that Lord McAlpine, treasurer of the Conservative Party, had refused to divulge any information about the sale of the freehold of 32 Smith Square [Conservative Central Office] and 67 Tufton Street.

What was he trying to hide? Why could the figures not be given and the documents made public so that allegations about the transactions could either be stood up or knocked down? Lord McAlpine should be asked to publish the details in the public interest.

Mr Ridley said that he was delighted to give what information he could, including the figures.

At the beginning of the decade Westminster City Council had sold some freeholds to sitting tenants. A freehold and lease was worth more combined than the two separately. The policy was to obtain 70 per cent of the amount that arose from combining the lease with the freehold.

In the case of Smith Square, the council had sold the freehold, valued at £60,000, for about £1.325 million, a profit to Westminster ratepayers of £1.25 million.

"The next-door case is Transport House. They sold the freehold of the Labour Party headquarters to the Transport and General Workers' Union

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for about £2.25 million, which was a profit to the Westminster ratepayers somewhere in the region of £2 million.

"Of the two transactions, the TGWU probably got a far bigger profit on the sale of their lease than Conservative Central Office. I understand why Mr Kinnoch, who is sponsored by that union, has not raised this particular question.

"He must know of the bonanza the union has made by this wise purchase of the freehold and I can assure the House that the district auditor will give his view as to whether the original transactions were made on the proper market value, as all concerned believe they were."

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the governing party had conspired with the local authority to do a property transaction which had led to the party's making a profit, at the expense of the ratepayers, of £2.4 million. That happened as a result of the transaction in 1983, which was not the transaction which Mr Ridley had referred to.

Mr Ridley: That really was lame. He knows there was an interval of time between the two transactions during which property values rose and he knows the TGWU next door made just the same profit over the same period.

Allegations about an illicit trade in council house tenancies in Brent, north London, were raised in the Commons during questions to the Department of the Environment.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) had complained that the Government's White Paper *Contract of Local Authority Business* was nothing more than a long-winded government hypocrisy.

The Prime Minister was going to Poland, he said, to lecture them on freedom and she was dismantling local democracy in this country. How much longer was this going to continue?

Mr John Gummer, Minister for Local Government, said that the greatest damage to local authorities and local councils had been done by Labour councils that were run not for the benefit of ratepayers or those in need but for the benefit of extreme left-wing Marxist ideas.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that before giving too many sanctimonious lectures on conduct in local government, would Mr Gummer like to comment on Westminster Conservatives' sale for 15p of their cemeteries, which were now being advertised at £5.5 million.

They were also acting unlawfully by not charging for refuse collection for commercial organizations, which the district auditor had clearly said was unlawful.

Mr Gummer said that he was willing to condemn any unlawful action.

Later, Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Dem) said that housing associations in London requiring large faced difficulties because of its high cost.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that there were still many empty houses and there were many council houses being abused.

"For instance, Brent council has now discovered that large numbers of its council houses have the keys traded in Nigeria for £500 a go.

"If these houses were available, it would help London homeless. It is another example of the gross inefficiency of Labour authorities in the centre of London."



Sir Cyril Smith, Democrat MP for Rochdale, at Buckingham Palace yesterday after being knighted by the Queen (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Homeless 'sold down the river'

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The homeless in rural areas had been sold down the river in Tuesday's autumn statement, with the housing budget to be slashed by 21 per cent, Mr Matthew Taylor, Democrat spokesman on housing, said during question time.

He said that homelessness in rural areas in the South had almost doubled since 1979 despite the fact that the sale of council houses had meant a £500 million return to the Treasury.

"Did the Secretary of State not wave the white flag at the Chancellor rather than defend the homeless?"

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the problem in many rural areas was a shortage of planning permissions to build the houses for those who needed them.

But a study by his department on public spending plans showed housing corporation allocations rising from £800 million to £1.328 billion in 1991-92, an increase of 80 per cent, to provide new low-cost housing for rent or sale.

"I will make sure a sufficient proportion is allocated to rural areas."

Mr Tony Worthington (Clydebank and Milngavie, Lab) said that the problem was not a shortage of planning permissions for those who wanted to build, but a shortage of housing for those who already lived in rural areas.

Mr Ridley said that in the south of England the problem was very much a question of sites as well as houses. It was no good having more money for more houses if there were not the plots to build them on.

Mr Ridley refused to be drawn on the Government's attitude to Lords amendments to the Housing Bill.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that if the Bill's provisions were so good for tenants, why was Mr Ridley so reluctant to let tenants decide

for themselves on whether to join Housing Action Trusts?

The Government leader on the proposals for a ballot failed deliberately to say that if a tenant did not vote he or she would be counted as voting in favour.

What bigger gerrymandering could the Government want?

Mr Ridley said that the time to debate Lords amendments was when the Bill came before the Commons.

Any tenant who did not wish to go with the majority, who were exercising their right to choose a new landlord, had the right to go back to the local authority direct tenancy.

Earlier, Mr David Wainick (Walsall North, Lab) asked why the Government was determined to reverse the decision in the Lords that council tenants should be balloted to decide whether or not their properties should be included in Housing Action Trusts.

Why should council tenants be denied the right to decide on this issue?

Olympics 'were professional circus'

This year's Olympic Games were a professional circus and should be the last held in the present form, a Conservative MP said during question time.

Mr Michael Lord (Central Suffolk, C) said that many sports lovers believed that the last Olympic Games were more of a professional sports circus than a true Olympic event and would be remembered more, perhaps, for the drugs taken there than for sporting achievements.

He asked Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, to suggest to the chairman of the Sports Council that the Seoul Olympics should be the last in their present form.

Would consideration be given to establishing a permanent site for the Games, perhaps in Greece? But, more important, efforts should be made to try to re-establish true amateurism among the participants to capture the true spirit of the Olympics.

Mr Moynihan: I do not accept the premises that Mr Lord has put to us.

However, I will raise these specific comments with the Sports Council chairman, although it would be better if Mr Lord directed his comments towards the British Olympic Association.

Earlier, Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab) said that Mr Moynihan seemed proud of his so-called streamlined Sports Council. "He should be ashamed that, despite the great success of our black

athletes at the Olympics, he has chosen this time to snub the ethnic minority sports people by removing their representation from his diminished Sports Council."

Mr Moynihan: I regard that as a deeply offensive reflection on the enormous hard work which has been done by Sports Council members, who have their colour on behalf of everyone enjoying participation in sport.

We do not, in this country, have positive discrimination in all public appointments, based on colour.

It was right to put on the Sports Council on merit people who could reflect the needs of everyone in the community.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, asked why Mr Moynihan had selectively and anonymously leaked last weekend Government proposals to tax football transfers to pay for the Government's new computer.

Why had football not been consulted, and why had 60 sports teams this week that their grants were to be cut without any consultation as required by the Royal Charter for Sport?

He went on amid Conservative protests: We no longer have a Ministry for Sport in this country; we have a Dictatorship for Sport, headed by the absurd figure of this minister.

Mr Moynihan said that Mr Howell's allegations were "utter nonsense". He had spent Saturday in the constituency and Sunday relaxing with his family.

Rail study result likely soon

The main findings of the central London rail study, which includes work on relief of congestion on the Underground and the likely range of growth of passenger movements in the centre of the capital over the next five years, should be announced towards the end of the year, Mr Michael Portillo, Minister of State for Transport, said in a written reply.

He said that he and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, had regular discussions with the chairman of London Underground on easing congestion. They had approved renewal of the Central Line at a cost of £700 million, as well as other measures to relieve congestion costing more than £100 million.

Cash for Open University

An extra £12.9 million is to be made available to the Open University over the three years to 1991-92, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said in a written answer. The increase will be confirmed on confirmation that the university is making good defects in its financial and managerial systems.

The decision comes after advice from the Open University Visiting Committee and takes full account of their recommendations.

Move to help drivers

The five-year delay before a cherished number on a stolen car can be reinstated by its legal owner on another vehicle is to be reduced immediately to one year, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written Commons reply.

He added that motorists known to be able to benefit from the change were being informed individually by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea.

'Spycatcher' sales

So far as the Prime Minister is aware, ministers and senior civil servants have bought copies of the book *Spycatcher* only when necessary for purposes of legal proceedings and for considering issues raised by the book, Mr Thatcher said in a written reply.

Private guard

Private security guards are employed to protect 18 military establishments, Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said in a written answer.

Shipyard visit

The Prime Minister, who is about to visit the Gdansk shipyard in Poland, last visited a British merchant shipyard in September 1986, she told Mr Gerald Kaufman, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Debate on Public Accounts Committee reports (3); Housing Bill, third reading.

Meter trials cause concern

The installation of indoor meters to calculate water charges ran counter to Home Office intentions to reduce the number of people needing to enter houses to read meters, Mr Barry Field (Isle of Wight, C) said during question time.

Mr Colin Moynihan, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, replied that it was right that proper care and attention should be taken about vetting anybody entering a home to read meters.

Southern Water, which was responsible for the Isle of Wight, had been wise enough to set up a hot line by which anyone could

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check directly if they were in the least concerned about the validity of a person going through the door to install a meter during the present trials in certain areas.

It was for each water authority and company to decide whether to charge domestic customers by meter.

Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C): Many elderly people will be grateful to the Department of the Environment and the minister for

ending the present unfair system based on rateable values instead of usage.

Can he say how much consumers in trial areas will be expected to pay of the cost of meters and whether that represents the actual cost of installation?

Mr Moynihan replied that the cost of compulsory installation of meters was paid by water authorities or companies and the customer could not be charged directly on a compulsory basis. But the cost of the trial programme was being shared between the Government and water authorities.

Government fights off revolt

The following report of the Commons debate on the Health and Medicines Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government had majorities of 8 and 16 when it fought off Conservative backbench rebellions against its proposed charges for eye and teeth examinations, respectively, during consideration of the Bill.

MPs voted by 300 votes to 284 to overturn a House of Lords vote that had rejected charges for dental checks contained in the Bill. On eye tests, they later rejected a similar Lords amendment by 296 to 288.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, moving the amendment to reverse the Lords decision on dental examinations, said that the National Health Service could make good use of the money raised by the charges.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said that the proposals were friendless. The proposed

charges had united medical bodies in opposition.

There was a deterrent effect. There would be an inevitable tendency to an increase in extractions and loss of teeth as a result of people coming late for successful intervention.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C), a former health minister, said that Conservative MPs opposed to the proposals underestimated the willingness of many people who visited the dentist, whose incomes had risen over the past nine years with tax reductions, to make some contribution towards that.

Dr Lewis Moonie (Kirkcaldy, Lab) said that to have oral cancer was "one of the most piteous ways of dying that anyone can imagine". This measure would increase the risk for people who had it.

Sir Gerard Vaughan (Reading East, C), a former health minister, said that he was basically a neurologist. "I have personally detected early brain tumours, where there is pressure on the

back of the eye, and early diabetes."

It was ludicrous to have free urine tests for diabetes but to have to pay to have one's eyes looked into to discover the disease. "This is an illogical out-of-date act on the part of the Government."

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Health, said that the cost of dental services in 1978-79 was £279 million. Last year it was £820 million.

"The Government, and I say that categorically, has no plans to introduce further charges."

Mr Clarke moved the rejection of the Lords amendment that had deleted from the Bill the provision allowing for a charge for eye tests.

He said that when the Government had taken the decision to take the dispensing services out of the NHS four years ago that had not resulted in fewer visits to opticians.

Mr Cook said that this was not a sight test but a full examination of the eye. One in

12 resulted in a medical referral: a million cases a year.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said that some of them did not believe that the Government had got its sums right. The earlier a disease could be diagnosed the cheaper it was to treat and the greater the likelihood that the treatment would cure.

Mr Mellor said that the Government would be monitoring the consequences of the change.

A Lords amendment allowing the sale of reading glasses to adults without a prescription was approved by 224 votes to 30 - Government majority, 194 - despite protests that it would discourage people from having their eyes tested.

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that it was generally accepted that wearing self-selected glasses would not harm adults' eyes, even if the glasses were of the wrong strength.

Consideration of Lords amendments was completed.

Health and Medicines Bill

Tories who defied whips

The following is a list of Tory MPs who voted against the Government late on Tuesday on the proposals to charge for routine eye and dental checks which the Lords had rejected in the Health and Medicines Bill.

Conservatives voting against the dental charges were: David Atkinson (C Bourne-mouth E), Michael Cartliss (C Great Yarmouth), Winston Churchill (C Devonport), Michael Colvin (C Romney and Watcombe), Simon Coombs (C Swindon), Steven Day (C Chislehurst), Den Dover (C Chislehurst), David Evennett (C Erith and Crayford), Peter Fry (C Wellingborough), Conal Gregory (C York), Alan Haselhurst (C Saffron Walden), Christopher Hawkins (C High Peak), Jerry Hayes (C Harlow), Sir Barney Hayhoe (C Brentford and Isleworth), Michael Heseltine (C Henley), Robert Hicks (C Cornwall SE), Richard Holt (C Langborough), Toby Jeeves (C Twickenham), Dame Jill Knight (C Birmingham Edgbaston), David Knox (C Staffordshire Moorlands), Michael Latham (C Rutland and Melton), David Machel (C Bedfordshire SW), Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (C Tiverton), Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar), Michael Mates (C Hampshire E), Sir Anthony Meyer (C Croydon NW), Sir Charles Morrison (C Devonport), David Nicholson (C Taunton), Sir Gerard Vaughan (C Reading E), Gary Waller (C Keighley), Ann Winterton (C Congleton), Nicholas Winterton (C Macclesfield).

Conservatives voting against the eye charges were:

David Atkinson (C Bourne-mouth E), David Bevan (C Yardley), Michael Cartliss (C Great Yarmouth), Winston Churchill (C Devonport), Michael Colvin (C Romney and Watcombe), Simon Coombs (C Swindon), Steven Day (C Chislehurst), Den Dover (C Chislehurst), David Evennett (C Erith and Crayford), Peter Fry (C Wellingborough), Conal Gregory (C York), Alan Haselhurst (C Saffron Walden), Christopher Hawkins (C High Peak), Jerry Hayes (C Harlow), Sir Barney Hayhoe (C Brentford and Isleworth), Michael Heseltine (C Henley), Robert Hicks (C Cornwall SE), Richard Holt (C Langborough), Toby Jeeves (C Twickenham), Dame Jill Knight (C Birmingham Edgbaston), David Knox (C Staffordshire Moorlands), David

Labour admires the irresistible rise of Gordon Brown

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

There are meteoric rises and meteoric falls, but that of Mr Gordon Brown, top in yesterday's Shadow Cabinet elections, is threatening to outstrip them all.

Five years ago he had only just become an MP. Today he is being spoken of as a potential future leader of the Labour Party and possible Prime Minister.

Last year he scraped into the Shadow Cabinet for the first time in eleventh place with 88 votes. This year he topped the poll with 155 votes, beating even Mr John Smith, the man whom he is number two in the shadow Treasury team.

In such a short career there can be few important milestones, but one was undoubtedly the measured but devastating Commons onslaught he delivered on the Government's handling of the economy a week last Tuesday.

He sat down to roars of approval from his own side, and even Mr Denis Skinner, a man who abhors such displays, was seen discreetly slapping his thigh.

It was one of the few Opposition front-bench speeches in



Mr Kinnoch with Dr Clark (left) and Mr Jones, colleagues with new Shadow Cabinet places

that he made that crucial Commons speech. Moreover, he made it just two days before voting for the Shadow Cabinet elections opened.

Mr Brown is the son of a man, and was educated at Kircaldy High School and Edinburgh University, where he became the controversial and hard-line student editor from 1972 to 1975.

There followed eight years first of college lecturing, and later of journalism, during which he wrote some radical

tracts on Scottish nationalism and devolution.

By 1983 he was chairman of the Labour Party's Scottish council, but he had had difficulty in finding a seat to fight until finally he was adopted by Dumfries East.

At Westminster he is seen as a hard-nosed thinker, a Tribune of the "new realism" school and a loyal ally to Mr Neil Kinnock, to whom he has become a close and trusted adviser. He has the important support of the TGWU, which sponsors him.

He became opposition spokesman on regional affairs in 1985, and shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury last year. Cabinet ministers other than Mr Lawson will be hoping that Mr Kinnoch decides that he is indispensable where he is so that he cannot sink his teeth into their departments.

But if Mr Brown spearheads the coming generation of highly talented young Labour spokesmen, he is closely followed by Mr Tony Blair, the party's number two trade and industry spokesman, who yesterday swept into the Shadow Cabinet for the first time in ninth place, just one behind his "boss", Mr Bryan Gould.

The immediate reason for Mr Blair's success is obvious: he has recently torn strips off Lord Young of Griffiths's Department of Trade and Industry over its conduct in the Barlow Clowes affair, and such talent is now at a premium within a new-look Labour Party.

Indeed, Mr Blair symbolizes that new look. He is young (35), personable and intelligent. He is completely unencumbered by the sort of ideological baggage that so "turns off" the voters. Like Mr Brown, he is accorded the unusual respect by the ministers whom he shadows.

Nor does his background remotely resemble the traditional Labour stereotype. He was educated at Durham Chorister School and then at the Edinburgh public school Fettes, before going to St John's College, Oxford. He trained as a lawyer, was called to the Bar in 1976, and specialized in trade union and industrial law.

Like Mr Brown, Mr Blair only became an MP five years ago, when he won Sedgefield. Like Mr Brown, he has TGWU backing.

He became a Labour spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs in 1984, joined Mr Gould in the trade and industry team last year, and will now almost certainly be given a departmental portfolio.

The surprise result of yesterday's elections was the rise of Dr David Clark, Labour's environmental protection spokesman, from fourteenth place last year to fourth this.

Dr Clark is not "high-profile" and some Labour MPs will undoubtedly have taken the view that it would have been folly not to have supported their party's "Green" spokesman at a time when green issues have leapt to the top of the political agenda. However, he is an assiduous canvasser and has

been talking hard to parliamentary colleagues in recent weeks. The South Shields MP will also have had the support of many northern MPs whose group he chairs.

But, although Dr Clark may appear to live under the shadow of Dr John Cunningham, his team leader, he is a very hard worker and a master of his subject.

Indeed, Dr Clark is "Green" not by appointment but by background. Raised in the Lake District, he was once, briefly, a forester, lists fell-walking, ornithology and gardening as his hobbies, is a member of the Ramblers' Association, was on the executive committee of the National Trust, and chairman of the Open Spaces Society.

Mr Barry Jones, MP for Alyn and Deeside, was re-elected to the Shadow Cabinet having lost his place last year. Like Dr Clark, he is an assiduous canvasser, and will have received general backing from Labour's Welsh MPs, who would otherwise have been unrepresented on the Shadow Cabinet after the departure of Mr Dennis Davies.

Mr Jones is a right-winger and was once parliamentary private secretary to Mr Denis Healey. He was a junior Welsh minister in the last Labour Government.

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A Wasp finds his wings

At this stage, even his best friends are finding it hard to get excited about the prospect of George Bush in the White House. As one moderate Republican put it, a Bush presidency would be "a Holiday Inn kind of government, where the best surprise is no surprise."

Yet the transformation of Bush from wimp to fighter, from underdog to pace-setter, was one of the political marvels of the 1988 US presidential election campaign. In a mere 10 weeks since the Republican convention, the man derided by Democrats as "poor George" and dismissed by analysts as a lightweight handicapped by class and clumsiness has converted a 17-point lag in the polls into a commanding 10-point lead.

Bush is now poised to be elected directly from the vice-presidency to the presidency. Will the final enthronement bring forth yet another George Bush?

Some observers are already perceiving in his eight years of self-effacement in Reagan's shadow not a weakness of character but a sign of a dignified loyalty, a determination to play the role allotted to him and a shrewd understanding of what the difficult No 2 job entails.

The moment he became his own man in New Orleans, he was psychologically changed. As president, his supporters say, he will at last be able to unify the experience and draw on the preparation from years of public service — as a congressman, ambassador to China and the United Nations, Republican party chairman, director of the CIA, and vice-president.

Even given the intoxicating and liberating effect of victory, a Bush presidency is more likely to be competent than charismatic. Bush is essentially a pragmatist rather than a visionary.

Unlike Reagan, he genuinely enjoys the business of government, and would be a hands-on executive. But he is reactive to events rather than wanting to shape them, and measures success in terms of missions accomplished, rather than beliefs transmuted into reality. The problem

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for Bush is what he once malaciously called "the vision thing". Indeed, the best-kept secret of the whole Bush campaign is that the man who insisted the election was about ideology does not have any of his own.

A Bush presidency would therefore probably be one of continuity rather than change, with the chief executive being more of a caretaker than a catalyst. There is little psychological pressure on Bush to alter or repudiate the course set by his predecessor — particularly when he was co-pilot in setting that course.

His will certainly help Bush continue the relationships with foreign statesmen established by Reagan. The most important, of course, is with Gorbachev, and Bush will probably have no difficulty in establishing good working relations. The relationship with Mrs Thatcher is unlikely ever to be as close. Bush and Thatcher know and respect each other, but there will not be the ideological bond linking their two visions.

A Bush administration would be more like a European cabinet reshuffle than the usual wholesale purging of the government departments and civil service. Policy is not likely to differ much from Reagan's. Bush would apply a moderately conservative course, softening it with his own concern to build a "kinder, gentler America" and altering course slightly on such issues as the environment, education, child care and civil rights, all areas where he has promised to do more than his predecessor.

That does not mean it would be a weak government. One of Bush's strengths is his ability to appoint competent and experienced aides,

delegate authority and listen to their advice. Already the outlines of a Bush cabinet are clearer than they have been for almost any contender before he has been elected.

It is virtually taken for granted that Jim Baker, his friend, campaign manager and widely respected former Treasury Secretary, will be Secretary of State. Defence will probably go to former Senator John Tower. But at least three recent Reagan appointments would probably remain in their jobs — Nicholas Brady at the Treasury, Richard Thornburgh as Attorney General, and Lauro Cavazos as education secretary. Frank Carlucci might even conceivably remain at the Pentagon.

This would not only make for unusual continuity, but it would give Bush an instant headstart with an experienced team who would not need start-up time. The tone of his administration would clearly be very different from that of the zealous conservatives who first swept into Washington with Reagan in 1980. The Bush team would be very much like Bush himself — predominantly middle-aged, male Wasps from older, Eastern Establishment families and Ivy League universities. There might be some patrician Texans, but few ideologues from southern California.

All this suggests that Bush will reveal himself as a president very similar to Gerald Ford. He, too, suffered from an image of clumsiness. Ford, too, was never able to rise to the level of Richard Nixon — either in infamy or talent for masterstrokes of government. He was steady, competent and somewhat dull, but he brought a much-needed stability to the country. He was an unpretentious and straightforward man of considerable personal decency, supported, like Bush, by a strong-minded and popular wife.

Like Bush, however, there seemed little that Ford was burning to do in government. He was not passionate about goals or issues. And what he wanted to achieve was often stalemated by a hostile Democratic-controlled



Congress, so that he ended up vetoing more legislation in two and a half years than Reagan did in his first six. Bush, if elected, might well find himself in the same position.

Bush is by nature a builder of consensus, who does not like confrontation or fights over ideas. But pragmatism in the post-Reagan era will not be enough. Ideology will continue to matter to Americans, even if it does not to Bush. As president, this could be troublesome to him.

Despite his desire for consensus politics, Bush will probably soon find his mettle tested, especially over the deficit and the threatened economic recession. It is here that America will probably get its first look at how decisive Bush will or will not be in a crisis.

In the past Bush has consistently done better when fighting against the odds. The challenge brings out the grit in him that he learnt the hard way at his somewhat spartan school. There is a strong sense of duty and determination in Bush, formed perhaps by his struggle as a boy to live up to the expectations of character, social obligations and business success of his formidable, demanding father, Senator Prescott Bush of Connecticut. An early indication was his medal for bravery after being shot down in the Pacific during the war.

Bush has often been written off prematurely. Most recently, the country saw how he hung on during the primaries after his drubbing in Iowa and when New Hampshire hung in the balance.

And if forced into a confrontation, he would probably be more decisive and incisive than his detractors imagine.

One likely difference of style with the Reagan administration will be in image-making. Bush, a modest man, does not care for such stuff. He will not be able to appeal as effectively over the heads of his political opponents to the nation for support, and will certainly never enjoy that peculiar rapport with the American people so adroitly exploited by "the Gipper". This will make him a less impressive head of state than Reagan was. But he still understands, better than Jimmy Carter ever did, that the American presidency demands a certain dignity, mystery and loftiness. He will fulfil the role adequately.

BIOGRAPHY

June 12, 1924: Born in Milton, Massachusetts
1942: Joined US Navy. Shot down in South Pacific and decorated with Distinguished Flying Cross
1945: Married Barbara Pierce (four sons, one daughter)
1948: Graduated from Yale with BA in economics
1951: Co-founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation in Texas
1966-70: Twice elected Republican representative from Texas district in Congress
1971-73: Ambassador to the United Nations
1973-74: Chairman of the Republican National Committee
1974-75: Chief of first US Liaison Office in China
1976-77: Director of the CIA
1980: Elected Vice-President on Reagan ticket
August 1988: Nominated Republican candidate for president

Bush is a traditional figure, who believes in traditional values. He is an Episcopalian — the American sister church of the Anglicans — but no born-again Christian. He has no radical wish to turn America back to fundamentalism or forward on new paths, and as a private, self-confessedly inarticulate man, he will not wear his emotions on his sleeve.

He is reserved — only somewhat less marked than that of Michael Dukakis — will not dissolve in the White House, but good speech-writers and familiarity with his new environment may improve his oratory.

But he is a compassionate man, who will want to reach out. He has a thin skin, and has suffered from the jibes at his class and privileged background. As president, he may lack Reagan's spontaneous wit and common touch, but there will be a warmth nevertheless. Bush will not fight many crusades, but does have his own, somewhat quirky list of things he wants to get done and areas where he wants to make a mark; they include help for the handicapped, the abolition of chemical weapons, and better schools.

He pursues these concerns with a dogged determination, and a longer attention span than Reagan. The hope is that he will do a thorough and competent job, if perhaps an unspectacular one.

Michael Binyon

In search of British art

Gazing at the British paintings on show at the Pomeroy Purdy Gallery, in London's Docklands, Joshua Gessel says: "Everything here is so beautiful — and there is nothing beautiful in New York."

Gessel, Switzerland's answer to Charles Saatchi in terms of contemporary art collecting, is echoing an attitude which is becoming general, if not in this country, then throughout the rest of the world.

Britain has 40,000 practising artists — reputedly the highest representation in the world. For most of this century, they have accepted the role of stylistic slaves, first of Europe and then of America. Now, there are claims that British painting is undergoing a renaissance and reuniting with its roots.

Having hosted exhibitions this year of the Scottish artists Ken Curry (painter of heroic, redundant dockers) and Keith

McIntyre (looming Scottish myths), the Germans are converts. Simultaneously, New York has been treated to work by up to 20 artists including Therese Oulton (romantic, apocalyptic landscape), and Stephen Barclay (inherited memories of wartime) at the Metropolitan Museum.

On November 18, a major exhibition of work by 26 artists aged from 24 to 42 goes on a two-year tour from Cincinnati to New York, via

Chicago. To the list can be added Amanda Faulkner (psychology of womanhood), Jock MacFadyen (wry social history of London's East End), and Mark Wallinger (satirical explorations of the British past).

According to Judith Higgins, an American art critic writing in the catalogue, the exhibition demonstrates a "glorious resurgence" where primitive and folk art, mythology, history, poetry, literature, fairy tales, politics and consumer culture all combine in a distinctive, humanist way.

Before raising the British banner, however, consider the views of home-grown talent which gathered last Saturday at a seminar entitled British Art Now, at the Tate. Many were by no means as sanguine as the foreign critics.

They claim to be members of a worthy brotherhood of "Europeans". The problem is that, as they speak, each artist manifests a resistanse far more crushing, even, than nationalism. It is generationalism. John Goto, aged 39, whose life's work is a vicarious exploration of the atrocities in a Nazi extermination camp, talks wistfully in the art-speak of the Seventies. For him, "British Art" is characterized by "provinciality, lack of nerve, lack of politeness. With a few exceptions, it is not a heritage which inspires."

At 56, Peter Blake is still trying to recover from the success of the Pop Art he pioneered in the Sixties, admitting a craving to produce definitive new material now that he is entering life's "home straight", but not knowing how to go about it.

Only one speaker, the Glaswegian Adrian Wisniewski, acknowledges the existence of a common culture, and embraces it happily. At 29, he is the youngest at the seminar. He is also a darling of the new movement. "Common culture is not something you consciously think of, but it does distinguish you from other parts of the world, and it is usually reflected in the work," he says.

This theme of a common culture is one which contemporary artists cannot afford to ignore. After 100 years, the tyranny of successive foreign styles has come to an end, and with figurative regaining dominance over abstraction, a huge choice in subject matter is open. It is advisable, therefore, that they identify

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New generation: Wisniewski

those elements which make our culture unique, and cling to them.

This is not advocating that they become jingoistic or "myopic", as Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, warns. We are a multinational culture, but a quiet sense of our unique geography, history, climate, literature and humour should be fostered. Finally, the regions should be appreciated as source material for their capacity to inspire work which is both individual and universal.

One advantage for artists who have embraced this concept of "Britishness", such as Ken Kiff and John Bellamy, has been that they worked without recognition during the conceptual Seventies. But now, as the market, increasingly greedy for goods, turns to them for sustenance there are fears that the considered nature of their work will suffer. Having become "stars", they will be pumped to produce until their inspiration runs out.

There is too much money involved these days," Blake warns. "An artificial value is being put on art." When it comes to new British artists he probably should not fear. Like the new breed of pop stars, they are street-wise, calling the shots, disdaining the call of the big city and choosing to stay at home in the provinces.

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A testing war over Aids

Frontline fighters in the war against Aids are at a huge disadvantage. Not only have they no big guns in the form of a cure or a vaccine. They don't even know the true size of the enemy. The casualties are obvious enough — 1,794 cases in Britain so far, 965 deaths — but the overall picture is unclear.

Are there, for instance, 50,000 carriers of the virus in this country, or twice that number? What is the real extent of the spread into the heterosexual population? Just how fast is the disease progressing?

It is in an attempt to answer these and other questions that the Government has approved a trial programme of tests on pregnant women. It will aim to reach 90,000 individuals — one in six of all expectant mothers — with the number split between London, a provincial English city and Scotland.

Tests are due to start shortly at antenatal clinics in Edinburgh and Dundee. A spokesman for the Scottish Office said: "We hope there will be a good response, but participation will be voluntary. The women will be given the appropriate counselling and they will have the choice as to whether they want to know the results or not."

Support for the scheme has not been wholehearted. The General Medical Council and the Royal College of Midwives are unhappy about singling out a particular group of people and want to see a much broader based sampling. There is also concern about adding to the burden of pregnant women already besieged by health care propaganda.

A spokeswoman for the Women's Reproductive Rights Information Centre says: "It's just one more issue to take on board and I think a lot of women will be alarmed, because there are so many myths about Aids."

"They say you don't have to know the result, but I think a lot of people would want to know if they've had a test. And what can they do if it is positive? There's the question then of abortion, jobs, insurance, relationships and so on."

An increasing number of Aids specialists and agencies see the concept of voluntary testing as an uneasy compromise between doing nothing and tackling the information problem head-on, by widespread anonymous screening. Under this system large groups of men and women who had given a blood sample for some other reason would have it routinely tested for Aids.

Its advocates say the data would be more representative than voluntary testing. Dr Deirdre Cunningham, spokeswoman for the Faculty of Community Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians, and public health director for Parkside

Doctors are fighting the HIV virus without any real weapons. They need information, but how do they get it? Liz Gill reports



'There is no proper monitoring in this country of what is now a major epidemic'

Health Authority in west London, says: "The trouble with voluntary testing is that once you get people declining you after the sample. Ten, even 5 per cent, dropping out is unacceptable when you are looking at something which has a low prevalence anyway."

"There is no proper surveillance or monitoring in this country of what is now a major epidemic. We need such a system and quickly. How else are we going to control it?"

Cunningham believes such a system must guarantee absolute anonymity. At present she envisages only the age and sex of a donor

being noted, along with the health district where the sample was taken. "Just knowing an area would be a major advantage in that if there was a sudden rise there we could look at it more closely."

"I know pregnant women feel they are being singled out, but we need to reach a cross-section of the heterosexual population. Pregnant women represent the HIV status of themselves and their partners."

Aids specialist Michael Adler, professor of genito-urinary medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, would like to see screening extended to as many situations as possible,

general practice, accident and emergency departments and hospital admissions.

"It should be a decision taken at a political level, a balance between public and private good. Letting people opt out is just fuelling the issue. We've researched this for years at the Middlesex and we've found that when we've tested gay men anonymously the incidence of HIV infection has been 25 per cent, opposed to 12 per cent among those who come forward voluntarily seeking tests. High risk people tend not to want to be tested."

One of the arguments against anonymous testing is that health professionals will be asked to participate in a scheme in which it is impossible to give individual help. Adler agrees that guaranteed anonymity has its price in terms of not being able to reach whoever gave that positive sample.

"I know a lot of people feel that if you find an Aids case you should be able to get back to the person, but you cannot have that link. People would not feel confident of anonymity."

Support for such screening seems to be growing. The Terrence Higgins Trust, the Aids Policy Unit and the National Aids Trust back the idea. The National Council for Civil Liberties, though it strongly opposes compulsory testing of suspected individuals, sees no problem with mass programmes. "Provided the tests are truly anonymous and done for epidemiological research, we cannot see any difficulties," says legal officer Madeleine Colvin. She points out that Britain, in fact, is still very liberal on this issue. "No one is tested compulsorily, though it keeps being mooted for groups like prisoners or suggested as a prerequisite to immigration."

America, for instance, tests all immigrants and refugees as well as service-men going abroad; Germany screens some of those most at risk, including those who take drugs by injection, and prostitutes; Russia tests on suspicion of infection. Universal testing in this country is thought to be unenforceable, astronomically expensive and unethical. Nevertheless, extensive objective data is desperately needed if any long term strategy is to be worked out.

For many in the field it means walking a tightrope between collective need and personal freedom. Earlier this summer, for example, the BMA lent its clout to the idea of large scale anonymous testing, while at the same meeting voicing its opposition to the idea of a doctor testing a particular patient for Aids without that patient's consent.

Michael Sherrard, QC, who advised the BMA that such an action could be regarded in law as an assault, believes that the removal of the need for consent would be a dangerous step. "But I cannot see problems with taking samples which cannot be traced," he says. "It raises interesting questions about when does a blood sample cease to be yours."

Cunningham says: "I accept there may be dilemmas and that the whole business may provoke strong feelings in people. But I also know we have a moral obligation to our young population. How can we plan for the future without information?"

No sex, I'm pregnant

How starting a family can put a serious strain on your marriage

Lynne Barker and her husband Tony gave up sex for nearly two years after conceiving their first child. Their only "lapse" was a year after Sam was born in order to conceive Caroline, now 13 months old.

"It just didn't feel right when I was pregnant. I couldn't bear being touched," says Lynne, aged 29, from west London. "I also had three layers of stitches from Sam's birth which were so excruciatingly painful that I had to sit on a rubber ring for three weeks. Both of us were terrified to make love in case the scar burst open and I was too inhibited to confide in the doctor. I felt it was something I should handle myself."

The Barkers asked for their names to be changed in this article for fear that others might think them abnormal. Not so. Three quarters of all couples have sex problems after childbirth and it is because of this that the National Childbirth Trust has just launched a new booklet, *Sex in Pregnancy and after Childbirth*.

"Some GPs are lamentably bad about coping with the emotional side of sex and parenthood so that women don't know where to turn to for help," says Mary Newburn, deputy national secretary of the NCT.

"Our booklet lists advisory sources like Relate, Family Planning clinics and the Association of Sexual and Marital Therapists. It also gives general advice on comfortable positions during late pregnancy and discusses the common fear that sex might harm a baby. It won't, although women with previous miscarriages are often advised to abstain for the first three or four months, especially when they would otherwise be expecting periods."

Zelda West-Meads, counsellor and sex therapist for Relate, has noted an increased number of couples seeking help to overcome sex lethargy during pregnancy — otherwise known as the nine month headache.

"This can, of course, be used as an excuse if the relationship wasn't particularly

exciting before conception. If pregnancy was the main goal in making love, more sex seems irrelevant afterwards, especially if that baby is so precious that a couple is frightened of hurting it. Intercourse after the baby is equally traumatic and is rather like The First Night in that it can be fraught with apprehension."

Even when that is over with, says West-Meads, few love lives continue the same course they did before baby arrived. Hormonal imbalances, tiredness, anxiety about parenthood and fear of getting pregnant again can all dampen a would-be night of passion. Nor is it just a woman's problem.

The NCT points out that some men are put off by their partner's voluminous body during pregnancy, while West-Meads believes that certain men who are at the birth are so shocked by the pain and the mess that they lose the urge which led to the birth in the first place.

The physical after-effects of birth are another turn-off, especially after forceps, episiotomies and heavy-handed stitching. Despite this, most women are given the green light to sex after their routine six-week check-up. But if the pain still continues after this time, "a woman must see her doctor," Mary Newburn says.

The health visitor is another source of help, according to Ros Meek, spokeswoman for the Health Visitors Association. "If things aren't back to normal by three or four months, I'd say it was time for a couple to shout either to their doctor, GP or Wellwoman clinic," she says.

Fortunately for the Barkers, their sex life is now back to normal. "Even so, I can still feel my fear from my first child; it makes me cross my legs to think about it," Lynne says.

Jane Bidder

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Shell shocked — by an egg

Go to work on an egg, but instead of working with all the rigour promised by the rampant lion in the old advertisements, you may well suffer from a rather nasty dose of salmonella which could keep you away from the office desk.

The general public is prepared to accept a risk when it eats a duck's egg, and expects trouble if it treats itself to a gull's egg, which is as likely to have been laid near a municipal garbage dump as on a lonely cliff top. But the public has not yet learned that hens' eggs, too, can carry salmonella and cause food poisoning.

A leading article in *The Lancet* reports that there is anxiety at the Department of Health that even caterers are unaware that raw or lightly cooked egg dishes, together with poultry meat, account for a large part of the nationwide outbreak of infections from *Salmonella Enteritidis*.

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which have been plaguing Britain for the past two years.

Salmonella carried in the hens' faeces contaminates the egg shell, and hence the white and the yolk when it is cracked into the bowl or the frying pan. The organism can also be directly implanted into the egg during its journey down the hen's oviduct. Doctors, farmers and caterers have always been aware that ducks' eggs become infected before they are laid, but that hens' eggs can suffer in the same way is less widely known.

Even if people insist that their boiled egg is virtually hard-boiled, they will still be vulnerable to sauce tartare with the dover sole, mayonnaise with salmon, milkshakes, meringues and a host of other dishes. Unfortunately *Salmonella enteritidis* resists light cooking, so that to be safe scrambled eggs must be very well done, and an omelette cooked right through without any soft raw centre which might harbour an organism.

Poultry farmers have found ways of controlling another member of the salmonella family, *Salmonella pullorum*, but this organism affects the health of the hen, and hence the profit of the farmer. The *Lancet* suggests that producers have failed to take such stringent action against *Salmonella enteritidis* because the chicken remains fit, their profits are unaffected and only the consumer suffers.

Over the odds

The phiblerer returning from Bangkok with a dose of NSU, the baby with a potentially destructive discharge from the eye, or the young woman with lower abdominal pain who risks permanent sterility from pelvic inflammatory disease, should all be grateful to Doctor Eric Dunlop.

This venerable retired three years ago from the London Hospital and Moorfields after a lifetime spent studying the sexually transmitted diseases caused by the organism chlamydia. His work and his determination to publicize the potentially serious consequences of chlamydia infection is now universally accepted but originally it was often ignored, sometimes denied. It has, however, saved the fertility of countless women and made chlamydia so well known that it has become a common topic for discussion in women's magazines.

Dunlop has recently combined his interest in genito-urinary medicine and painting by being among the artists and photographers who have donated their work for auction to raise funds for LEAN (London East Aids Network), the

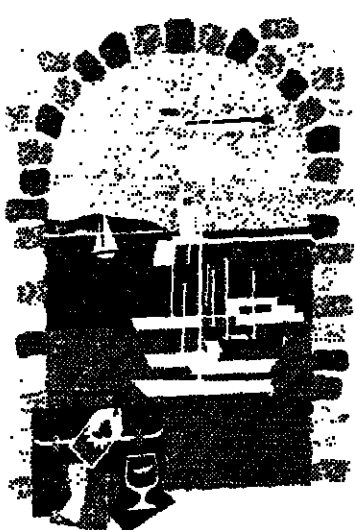
charity which is in the forefront of education about Aids, and the Whitechapel Clinic at the London Hospital, the main east London centre for the treatment of people who are HIV positive or who have Aids.

Among the projects which will be helped by the auction which LEAN is at present organizing is the translation and distribution of Aids advisory leaflets into Hindi, Bengali, Urdu and a host of other eastern languages. This is a more difficult task than it might seem as many immigrant communities have, as a result of their cultural heritage, a totally different concept of medicine from that taught, for instance, at the London Hospital.

Dunlop paints in the same splendidly meticulous way as he conducted his research, but most of the artists exhibiting have a more contemporary style. The pictures may be viewed at the Tom Allen Centre in Stratford, London E15, and will be auctioned on November 18, when it is hoped that any man present who has been spared many months of suffering from a NSU discharge of Pepsy-like persistence, or any woman who has achieved pregnancy despite an attack of chlamydia, may feel inclined to bid rather over the odds.

Women are less successful than men in re-establishing a social and working life after a heart attack. Dr Lyn Fitzgerald, a research fellow at St George's Hospital, has compared their relative lifestyles six months after admission. She found that despite a good, angina-free, physical recovery, anxiety seriously reduced women's activities, whereas by then men had returned to a normal life. As coronary thrombosis is more common in men they receive more support from their peer group.

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THE OLD JERUSALEM

The results of Israel's general election are a disappointment to most of those within as well as without its controversial borders. At a critical point in the country's 40-year history, neither of the two main parties has been given a clear mandate. Moreover, whatever government emerges looks unlikely to make great strides towards Middle East peace.

While the precise nature of that government is unknown, it will almost certainly lean towards the right. Mr Yitzhak Shamir and the Likud party might not have won the victory they craved, but their potential for forming a working coalition is stronger than that of Labour under Mr Shimon Peres.

There are advantages in that for Israel. The country faces an economic crisis which suggests the need for total overhaul. The very structure of Israel's economy needs rebuilding, and the right is better suited to the task than the left.

In practice, however, the balance is fine. First, Mr Shamir would be leading a coalition — and his power would be constrained accordingly. Second, Israel's economic problems are related, at least in part, to its insecurity. High spending on defence, against a background of the Arab uprising on the West Bank and in Gaza, is more likely to rise than fall under a Likud-dominated government.

The election has confounded those pundits who predicted a sharp turn to the right. Mr Shamir has failed to win any mandate for the annexation of the occupied territories. At the same time, he is likely to be saddled with a basket of demands from those minor parties with whom he tried to form a coalition. Far from having the free hand to govern as he wants to, he would pay a price for power.

That price could quickly rise too high for him. The four religious parties whose success has been the only great surprise of the election have already delivered a number of conditions for their support. One item on the Orthodox Jewish agenda is a change in the Law of Return, which gives all Jews automatic rights of citizenship. Three ministerial posts and immediate pardons for three Jews serving prison terms for the killing in 1983 of three Arabs on the West Bank are among other demands which have already been presented.

Even when watered down, through political

compromise, such conditions present an unattractive option for Mr Shamir. His alternative is to look elsewhere for a partner — perhaps even to his opponent, Mr Peres.

The outgoing "government of national unity" which extricated Israel from a similar stalemate four years ago, was not a conspicuous success. Nicknamed the "government of national paralysis", it reflected the weakness of internal division, rather than the strength of common purpose. But a second alliance with Mr Peres would not necessarily be the same.

This has been a bad election for Mr Peres. Moderate Arab leaders and even Mr Yasir Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), tried to form a common platform which might support his policy of exchanging land for peace and an international conference. But they did him no good.

If voters were influenced at the eleventh hour at all, it was probably by the Arab firebomb in Jericho, which killed a mother and her three children. If the electorate failed to give Mr Shamir a mandate for tough action against the Arabs, it also failed to give Mr Peres the go-ahead flag for diplomatic compromise.

Mr Shamir might thus hope that if Mr Peres rejoined him in government, it would be as a junior partner — not as one who might take turns at being Prime Minister. This might sound a second-best option for Mr Peres, but the alternative is opposition.

Such an alliance could aim at one very important strategic objective. One of the reasons for the second inconclusive election outcome in a row must be Israel's electoral system. Its particular brand of proportional representation encourages the growth of minor parties. The government of national unity was unusual, but coalition governments of some complexity have been the general rule.

If Israel needs strong government, it may first need a better way of voting — and the major parties agree on this. Mr Shamir will probably not achieve reform if he goes into alliance with the smaller parties — who would have an interest in retaining the present system. But if he and Mr Peres rejoined their forces, if only to engineer electoral change before calling another election, this would be a positive move. It might not build a new Jerusalem, but it could lay its foundations.

EYES... AND NOES

Mrs Thatcher has just been forcefully reminded that Parliament still matters, even to a Prime Minister who, on a vote of confidence, could muster a party majority of 102 in the House of Commons. She has also been reminded that the party on which the Government depends for its majority is a free agent: it is whipped only because it agrees to be whipped in order to sustain the Government of its choosing in office.

All backbench MPs have minds of their own, and they have a duty to act as they think right in order to discharge their duty as free representatives of their constituents. But they are also a government's best indicator of opinion in the country and it is foolish of ministers not to take due account of what they say. The reduction of the Government's majority to eight on Tuesday night was a formidable revolt which cut right across the old division in the party between "dry" Thatcherites and "wet" adherents of pre-Thatcher Toryism.

The rebels base their case for free eye and dental checks on the solid and incontrovertible ground that they are a form of preventive medicine and are cost-effective in revealing at an early stage serious medical conditions needing treatment. Quite apart from their obvious benefit to the patient, they save the cost of more expensive treatment later. It is true that free tests benefit some people who do not need this comparatively insignificant subsidy. But charges would deter some from having the necessary checks, and the cost of more expensive treatment later justifies what might seem to contradict the valid principle of concentrating funds where they are most needed.

The health service offers various kinds of blanket coverage, which the Cabinet has just rightly underwritten with an extra £2.2 billion. So long as the Government maintains this system, (to which it has repeatedly committed itself), there is no logic in making a sticking point of this minor economy.

The Lords must now decide whether they will again reject the charges as they did earlier this year. A three-line whip is certain and,

raising the usual spectre of constitutional conflict, Mr Clarke has said that it would be wrong for the non-elected chamber to defy the Commons. But that is not the reality. The new health charges do not involve a major legislative principle but a pragmatic case. They are not comparable to the wrecking amendment threatened in the Lords to the Community Charge Bill and the Government would be unwise if it again wheeled out its backwoodsmen to get the Bill through the Lords.

Moreover, far from defying the Commons, the Lords would know that in practice they would be implementing the real will of the Commons. It is quite clear that, if the Tories had felt free to vote as they wished on this question without defeating the Government, the charges would have been defeated. The Government would be wise to listen constructively to the case of its own critics.

It is a pity that its insistence on these changes have clouded the announcement of the £2 billion extra cash for the NHS, an increase in its resources by 4.5 per cent in real terms which, on any dispassionate calculation, is generous in the context of public spending generally. The increase is to be wholly welcomed, as is Mr Clarke's undertaking that the extra cash is over and above the £940 million already allocated for the nurses' pay award.

Although the additional money for the health service is also in addition to what is needed to offset inflation, it is partly required to prevent bed and ward closures which would otherwise result from the present underfunding and to make possible the restoration of some already closed. That, and the reduction of hospital queues, are the right priorities.

The margin for new technological and service developments is small, some £350 million. If Mr Clarke can get no new money, the cost of not introducing the proposed charges, about £140 million, would have to be born from that margin. The Government need not, however, see that as a reason for inflexibility. In the longer run the tests may pay for themselves, making money available for other health needs.

PIONEERS FROM SKEGNESS

Parents yesterday used one of the new powers given to them in the Education Act to show again that they were prepared to fight for the right to control their children's education. In doing so, they confounded all critics of the Act who had predicted parental apathy on the one hand, and results too close to call on the other.

In the first vote of its kind, 80 per cent of parents took part in a ballot to decide the future of Skegness School, founded in 1459. By a majority of 94.8 per cent they decided to form what is likely to be one of the first grant-maintained schools in the country. Skegness Grammar will become, in effect, an independent school financed by public money.

There is irony in the fact that the first education authority to face a school determined to run its own affairs was Conservative-controlled, not one of the high-spending left-wing Labour authorities. But as Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, has said, democracy is a dangerous thing. You never know where it is going to take you.

Neither, indeed, do the Skegness parents. They must now wait for the governors to prepare a detailed plan for the running of their school which Mr Baker must then approve. But they have an opportunity to help create a new and exciting sector of state education.

The success or failure of Skegness Grammar School will decide the future of many schools which at present hesitate to take the same course. Any school which starts the next

academic year (September, 1989) with grant-maintained status will receive its funding from the Department of Education and Science direct and it will need to weigh its advantages against its responsibilities.

The advantages are obvious. Despite the Education Reform Act, schools under local authority control will have to take account of the council's views which change from time to time, from election to election. The parents of Skegness Grammar School have voted to opt out largely because they disagreed with the county council's selection procedures.

Freedom from council control will also allow grant-maintained schools to recruit their pupils not just from their own catchment area but from anywhere in the area. In addition, schools free of local authority control cannot be closed as part of any rationalization scheme.

The disadvantages are that a grant-maintained school will have no safety net for difficult pupils and inadequate teachers, no centrally provided services, like the purchase of books, equipment, even for the teachers' pay. The biggest disadvantage of all is failure. There will be no-one there to bail out a grant-maintained school that finds it cannot cope.

So a word of caution should temper the euphoria. The debate about the way the country's children are taught must not be turned into a race to be first. The test should be not which school is first, but which is best.

New chance on industry strategy

From Sir Geoffrey Chandler

Sir, The reversal of our now persistent balance of payments deficits and our ability to succeed in 1992 and beyond depend crucially on the underlying competitiveness of British industry.

A necessary condition of that competitiveness is a consistent and constructive relationship between Government and industry, something that has been conspicuously lacking in the post-war period.

It is now clear that the present Government, like so many of its predecessors, whether Labour or Conservative, has radically changed its philosophy in the face of realities. Lord Young's Enterprise Initiative, with its implicit recognition — underneath its outward "pizzazz" — that the market does not work effectively on its own but needs Government stimulus, has closer philosophical resonance to the previous Labour Government's "Industrial Strategy" than to the views of the first of Lord Young's six predecessors in the job, then Sir Keith Joseph.

All the now well-documented evidence of our competitive inadequacies suggests that this conversion is absolutely right in principle.

But although the camel of principle has been swallowed, there is much straining at goats. Skill training is rightly offered to the unemployed; design is stimulated and consultancy offered to smaller companies by Government. Yet management training, fundamental to success, is left to the voluntary efforts of industry which has long demonstrated its inadequacy in this field.

The Government's approach to the foreign takeover of British companies is shot through with inconsistencies. With our competitors' generally greater profitability and access to cheaper money, where does this stop? Protection is not an answer. Nor is the fact that we have huge overseas investments. These admittedly do not "crowd out" domestic investment, but they are by no means its economic or social equivalent.

The main responsibility for competitiveness of course lies with industry. But our competitors simply pursue national success, with pragmatism rather than dogma guiding the frontiers between Government and industry. Last year the CBI conference voted by a significant majority for a national "industrial strategy" not to "pick winners", but to seek a consistent and coherent Government role. This was then ignored.

They have a chance again next month. The concept deserves more from both CBI leadership and from Government than the reflex rejection of the words without examining the substance. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY CHANDLER, 46 Hyde Vale, Greenwich, SE10.

Paintings on loan

From Mr Robert Medley, RA Sir, Returning last week from Madrid, where HM the Queen assisted in the royal opening of the Museo del Prado of an exhibition of British painting, "From Hogarth to Turner" (report, October 19, early editions) I am prompted to say why I think it failed to live up to the unique and splendid opportunity of the occasion.

It is, of course, possible to concede that the exhibition just gets by as a representation of the landed gentry's concern for elegance and country pursuits of the period — a country-house selection, enjoyable, unchallenging, and entirely lacking in scope. That an exhibition using the name of Turner should be represented in the Prado without one famous masterpiece by that artist is hard to take.

When I consider the amazing generosity of the loans we have, time and again, received from abroad (from Botticelli's "Primavera" from Florence in the 1920s to Titian's "Playing of Marsyas" from Czechoslovakia in 1983) I am ashamed that we cannot make even make a grand gesture on our own behalf. We have cause, once again, to wonder for what purpose we have a Minister for the Arts.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT MEDLEY, 10 Gledhow Gardens, SW5, October 29.

Open and shut case

From Mr Kenneth J. Moss Sir, After each leak the Government protests that it must be allowed to hold internal discussions in confidence.

Why? Surely it is in the formative stages of policy-making that electoral input is most valuable. Secrecy is hardly evidence of democratic intention. Yours faithfully, KEN MOSS, 8 Gilman Road, Norwich, Norfolk, November 1.

Tories in Ulster

From the Chairman of the North Down Conservative Association Sir, May I, on behalf of our association, clarify a point made by Ian Gwin in his excellent article today (October 31).

On the question of our approach to the Anglo-Irish Agreement one is reminded of the American tourist in the west of Ireland who asked the best way to get to Dublin. Came the reply: "If I were

Architects, planners and the Prince

From Mr H. Morrough, FRS, Feng Sir, Prince Charles (report, October 29) is to be congratulated for being so discerning of public opinion and for encouraging discussion of post-war architecture in this country.

It is, however, unfortunate that he should appear to choose architects as a prime object of criticism, although they are not blameless. Surely the main criticism should be directed at developers and then at planning authorities. Architects, I have always believed, serve the requirements of developers — they have to satisfy the wishes of those who pay for their services.

Planners are too often guilty of being cowed by developers. Unfortunately the present Government, having so much to its credit in other fields, appears to view developers as benign. For example, its latest proposal (report, October 31) seems to support the ending of county council controls over land planning in the South-east.

Developers are powerful, with access to formidable finance. They, perhaps correctly, have no responsibility except to the law and their shareholders and therefore more power should be with the planning authorities and public and individual opinion.

Yours faithfully, H. MORROUGH, Cedarwood, Penn Lane, Tarnworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, November 1.

From Professor Emeritus Alick Potter

Sir, One of the many merits of the Prince of Wales's television presentation is his emphasis on the neglected principle of "good manners in architecture".

This idea, which has a long history, is one which as head of schools of architecture in Hull, Kharoum and Queen's University of Belfast I always tried to

Student finance

From the Master of Churchill College

Sir, I find the discussion on student finance quite bewildering (report, November 1). It is almost universally accepted that this country needs larger numbers with degrees in future than in the past. Indeed, the Government prides itself, rightly, on the increase in the number of students reading for degrees.

Yet how is it that many, including those otherwise particularly keen on the operation of market forces, seem to believe that you will get more of this one product, graduates, by paying less for it?

The argument about working-class people subsidising middle-class students and their parents is not only irrelevant, but makes no sense. Higher education is open to everyone of tolerably good ability

GCSE standards

From Mr Michael J. Roberts Sir, In their objective survey of GCSE (report, October 19), her Majesty's Inspectors' criticism of teachers entering pupils particularly for mathematics in papers which only offer grades A to D was misplaced. Teachers find themselves under considerable pressure from parents and pupils who are anxious to achieve an A to C grade and it is not always easy with borderline pupils to make the correct decision.

This was the dilemma in the past for teachers who had to decide whether to enter pupils for

At the end of the road

From Councillor Dr J. Cordwell Sir, In any road system its capacity is limited by that of its junctions. With a local bypass it may be the roundabouts at its ends. With a motorway it is a city. Simply increasing the number of motorways and trunk roads, at some great cost to the environment, as Mr Channon proposes (report, October 31) leaves untackled the real problem of what to do when you get there. Do we have to build acres of car parks, again at the cost of historic city centres? The park-and-ride approach is not mentioned, but this, too, can have a cost if green fields are taken.

There are other ways to go about things — increasing the capacity of the railways, for example, whilst keeping the fares out of the mortgage category. The train, like the chauffeur-driven car, does not have to wait around the city all day. Even encouraging car-sharing would help. And do so many organisations really require large numbers of staff in the centre of London?

At the end of the 20th century is all this travel to work, with its high peaks in morning and evening, really necessary for everyone? Government investment in the electronic communications network could enable many people to work from or near to home. Yours sincerely, JOHN CORDWELL (Chairman, Planning and Transportation Committee), Gloucester County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester, October 31.

Under-protected

From Wing Commander T. F. H. Hudson

Sir, Those who criticise the police for still asking for more manpower despite substantial recent increases may not realise the true position on the ground.

I represent the parish council of this village on a divisional police consultative committee. Problems raised at our meetings, whether "lager louts", hippy encampments or speeding through villages, are often met by the police response that they cannot effectively be dealt with because of an inadequate establishment.

Let us into the party so that we may suggest how policy may be modified in keeping with Conservative ideology (of which the

instil into my students. And I viewed with mounting pleasure the success with which his Royal Highness put this notion squarely before the British public.

While some of his preferred solutions to particular problems of planning and design may be of limited validity, there can be no doubt that this principle is one that needs to be universally followed. His attempt to reinstate it should command enthusiastic support from professionals and public alike.

Yours faithfully, ALICK POTTER, Gorsefach, Penant Llanon, Dyfed, October 31.

From Mr Alan Holmes Rowe Sir, Our great layman, the Prince, in his BBC discourse highlighted the concern of everyone including architects, but lacked a coherent historical perspective and philosophy. He rightly criticised the patent failures of recent years but overlooked the dark little offices and homes in the back premises of his favoured Siena.

It is doubtful if the Dorchester hospital meets his own postulated standards of Hardy's home town. If the tower blocks in London had been distributed over the whole in the same relationship as Wren's city churches we would not be agonising over them today.

The danger of such a mishmash is that the self-appointed, demi-semi-informed havers will succeed in covering essentially the same or worse buildings with regurgitated ornament of the past. I await classical refurbishment of the National Theatre with interest and remain.

Yours faithfully, ALAN HOLMES ROWE, Rowborough House, Wimborne Road, Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset, October 31.

There are indeed substantial variations in the proportion of young people willing to put their backs into academic effort — variation by region, by social background, by the culture of the home.

Why this should be so is an interesting exercise in sociology. It is not, however, a basis for policy, especially at a time when the chief need is to get a higher proportion into higher education from those groups of society that have not hitherto felt like making the effort needed to take advantage of what is on offer equally to all.

These groups need encouragement, not the active discouragement implied in the measures under discussion.

Yours faithfully, HERMANN BONDI, Churchill College, Cambridge, November 1.

GCE O level or CSE. The philosophy of GCSE, amongst many other things, is to enable students to achieve the maximum level of their potential and therefore that criticism should have been directed at those examination boards who, in creating such limited grade examination papers are denying that principle and putting an unnecessary and unreasonable burden on teachers.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. ROBERTS (Secretary, Secondary Heads Association, Gwent), Queen's School, Newport, Gwent.

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This is scarcely surprising since at any given time there are only some 250 officers available (without the use of overtime) to cover the whole of Wiltshire, with its population of 600,000 in an area of 1,400 square miles, including the large industrial town of Swindon and several Ministry of Defence establishments.

It's not much use being a property-owning democrat if your property gets stolen because of an inadequate police force. Yours faithfully, T. F. H. HUDSON, Orchard Green, Chilton Foliat, Wiltshire, October 24.

Anglo-Irish Agreement is hardly a part) so as to maximise the party's electoral appeal here. Yours faithfully, LAURENCE KENNEDY (Chairman, North Down Conservative Association), 3 My Lady's Mile, Hollywood, Co. Down.

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A missing right in Soviet Union

From Dr L. Jonathan Cohen, FBA Sir, In their reported comments (October 28) on the plan to convene an international conference on human rights in Moscow, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have both omitted to mention the most important political right.

In a free country every adult has a constitutionally-entrenched right to support one or another of the alternative political parties within a single system of universal franchise and regular elections.

This is the human right that, in the long term, tends to secure some measure of governmental respect for all legitimate social and economic interests. This is the human right that serves to protect other rights from being arbitrarily withdrawn after their publicity value has been exploited. But this is also the fundamental human right that still needs to be granted in the USSR, in South Africa, and in numerous other countries.

There may be many good reasons why, on other matters, we should have friendly dealings with countries that do not grant this right to their inhabitants. But there is no good reason why we should treat an international conference on human rights that is organised or attended by such countries as anything but at best a pretentious makeshift and at worst a hypocritical farce.

Yours etc., JONATHAN COHEN, The Queen's College, Oxford, October 28.

Gurkha record

From Brigadier Johnny Clinch Sir, May I be permitted to add a postscript to your third leader "Forward the Gurkhas" (October 29).

I was commanding a Gurkha regiment in 1962 and was ordered to send a squadron to support HQ 4th Guards Brigade, then stationed at Huddersfield, West Germany. A fine piece of silver in the Gurkhas' officers' mess in Hong Kong marks the happy association. They later returned to the Far East and were fully integrated with both British and Commonwealth units fighting the Borneo war.

In 1964 there was a requirement for SAS-type patrols on the 1,000-mile mountainous frontier with Indonesia. I recall on a clear Malaysian morning asking for volunteers for the Gurkha para squadron. What I had not made so clear was that para-hutes would be issued. The para training was done in Singapore and in a short time the whole squadron was operational in Borneo.

Their many achievements will surely be taken into account when the future of these outstanding soldiers is considered. Yours sincerely, JOHNNY CLINCH, The Pippins, Dummet Road, Axford, Basingstoke, Hampshire, October 30.

Jury acquittals

From Mr Charles J. Lewis Sir, Re the observation by Mr John Patten in his article in The Times of October 27:

A stark warning for any offender banking on a soft jury is contained in the simple arithmetic: in total juries acquit only one in 16 of those sent for trial at the Crown Court.

This is the most blatant piece of disinformation I have seen in years. What Mr Patten doesn't tell the reader is that most of those 16 plead guilty, so never come before a jury. Why doesn't he give the percentage of acquittals for defendants who contest their guilt?

I don't have a trusty corps of Civil Servants collecting figures for me, but 20 years' experience tells me that that figure is likely to be over 50 per cent (which is rather different from 6.6 per cent).

Yours faithfully, CHARLES J. LEWIS, 10 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4.

Moving house

From Mrs Anne R. J. Denny Sir, Dr Robin G. Lambert's letter (October 28) caused me to ponder awhile on why I, as a child, who moved house 15 times and went to 13 different schools, passed all my exams, had no psychological problems and was never a delinquent.

Since my marriage, I have moved house 13 times and can see two more in the future. That makes 30 moves in 42 years (unless I have forgotten a few).

Could it be that the school-children who were in a similar position to me and my colleagues are just adventurous people who enjoy a challenge? Yours faithfully, ANNE DENNY, Paddock House, 28 Monckton Road, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire, October 28.

Seeing double

From his Honour Peter Mason, QC Sir, Motoring the other day down the M41 saw, at precisely the same moment, an exit sign for the A338 and the number plate of the car immediately in front, which began "A 338...". What are the odds against this? Yours faithfully, PETER MASON, 11 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4, October 26.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Foot in mouth disease

Guardians of our television morals would convince us more that they know how sex should be presented on the screen if they knew better how to present themselves. Sometimes they are so busy telling us that they have their finger on the pulse that they fail to notice the foot in their mouths.

Michael Cockerell's pertinent film for *Signals* (Channel 4), *Sex on Television - What's All the Fuss About?*, was made with the ironic aplomb of a former *Panorama* journalist. Inevitably, it included our more celebrated self-appointed watchdog, Mrs Whitehouse, cheerily gushing at old bones of contention. More significantly, it gave an airing to a government appointed guardian with more teeth, the chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, who implied that the nation's pulse was itching for his finger (though with a statistic disputed by the programme).

Lord Rees-Mogg has many talents. Unfortunately, one of them is to invite ridicule. Indeed, with some help from *Spitting Image* but with more from himself, he has, remarkably, become a figure of television fun even before he has begun to deny us the fun of less modest figures. No sooner had he admitted that his job risked ridicule, than he bumbled out a categorization of TV sex which could have been bettered by no satirical send-up: "There are... broadly speaking, Romeo and Juliet scenes... erotic scenes which raise very serious questions... Then there are 'groupings' which occur in the middle..."

For all her irritating stupidities, Mrs Whitehouse at least shows a certain humorous self-awareness and, indeed, an inkling in her twinkling admonition of the pleasure which she would deny us (both reflected, perhaps, in her calling for Kenneth Tynan to have his bottom smacked).

Despite all his experience and education, Rees-Mogg seemed less in touch with real life, not to say television, than the studio panels of ordinary viewers. His partiality for *'Allo 'Allo* is now famous but, whatever its comic merits, the programme's treatment of sex is archaically, if quaintly, kitsch and fetishistic. At least he defended *The Singing Detective*.

As Cockerell's film showed, what has absurdly suffered more from TV censorship than comic "groupings" is the serious treatment of sex in drama. It may be much more shocking than a glimpse of Marie's stocking but it must be championed by any guardian who does not wish to be viewed as a joke.

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Page after Page: Reynolds and Turner in *Switching Channels*, with previous Front Pages Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell (1940), and Lemmon and Matthau (1974)

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CINEMA

Switching Channels

(pg)
Odeon Leicester Square

The Law of Desire

(18)
Screen on the Hill,
Metro

U2 Rattle and Hum

(15)
Empire Leicester
Square

Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's 1931 stage success *The Front Page* was first filmed in 1931. In 1940 it became *His Girl Friday*, and Hildy Johnson the star reporter changed gender to become Rosalind Russell. In 1974 Billy Wilder filmed it, as *The Front Page* once more, with Jack Lemmon as Hildy, and Walter Matthau as his wily, ruthless editor, Walter Burns. The 1988 version, *Switching Channels*, predictably transfers the story from newspaper office to television station, and keeps the sex change, with Kathleen Turner as the star reporter who wants to quit and marry.

In the new version, her editor (Burt Reynolds) is not only determined to keep but, as her ex-husband, is deeply jealous of the new man in her life, a narcissistic millionaire manufacturer of jockstraps (Christopher Reeve). Much as in the original, editor and reporter are brought together by a news story about a man wrongly condemned to death, whom they shelter after he escapes.

The updating of the film includes making the condemned man's crime the killing of a drug-dealer cop who was responsible for his son's death: the quaint and touching performance of Henry

Gibson is one of the most attractive aspects of the film.

The earlier versions are remembered for the speed and sparkle of their dialogue, qualities to which the new screenwriter, Jonathan Reynolds, rarely aspires.

The audience is left to guess how the TV news people keep turning up in a regular newspaper office (the original play was set in the prison press room). Nor does the script ever make clear why the

execution is such a hot political issue for a corrupt Chicago politician (Ned Beatty).

The main characters have none of the sharpness and precision of the Hecht-MacArthur originals, and the Christopher Reeve character changes, chameleon-like, to suit the immediate needs of the comic situation. Game comedians that they are, Reynolds and Turner merit better material.

The Spanish director Pedro Almodovar looks like the natural successor to Rainer Werner Fassbinder. Like the German director he is fascinated by old-style Hollywood romantic melodrama, which he parodies and subverts in films which aim to shock the bourgeoisie with their black comedy and eccentric sexuality.

The *Law of Desire* is a drama of love and murder such as Joan Crawford might have played in, but the genders here are perversely switched around. Pedro, a successful stage and film director, loves Juan, a young barman; but in return Juan can only offer lust. While Juan is away, Pedro casually seduces Antonio, the rich son of a politician, who thereupon makes him the object of an *amour fou* which ends in the deaths of both Juan (murdered by Antonio) and Antonio himself.

In addition there is Pedro's sister (played by the Maganisque Carmen Maura), who was his brother until she eloped with their father and had a sex change. Her affair with another lady (played by a famous and beautiful Spanish transvestite called Bibi Anderson) has left her in possession of the woman's precocious 10-year-old child.

Almodovar tells these tall stories with confidence, flair and a saving black humour in which one detects traces of Buñuel. Antonio, besieged in a house by the police, demands a parley with Pedro; and while the police wait outside with all the paraphernalia of searchlights, cameras and press, gazing up at the window, the lovers abandon themselves to a final frenzy of *amour fou*.

The saving of Almodovar, too, is that with all the absurdity and insolence there are genuinely human touches to his comedy: the puzzled embarrassment of the parish priest as Pedro's sister nostalgically recalls her days as a choirboy in his church, for example.

Almodovar's latest film, *Women on the Edge of a Nervous Breakdown*, can be seen in the forthcoming London Film Festival. Recording an American tour by

the world's current best-selling pop group, U2 *Rattle and Hum* has a vast guaranteed audience, which will be further stimulated by marketing tie-ins.

In this case it probably hardly matters that it is not better done as a concert film. The publicity boasts that for some sequences 12 cameras were used, commanded from TV monitors by the 24-year-old director, Phil Joanou. It was evidently a mistake to use so many. The camera work is uncontrolled and the multiple viewpoints unfocused, so that the spectator has very little feeling of place or presence.

The off-stage scenes, too, are too sketchy and irrelevant to give any idea of what the four members of U2 are like. One only senses that they are smart enough to be dismayed, for instance, at the lurid shrine to their hero Elvis in Memphis.

The most interesting sequence in the film is a performance of the song "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" on the day of the Enniskillen murders, when Bono, the group's vocalist and spokesman, vigorously condemns Irish-Americans who support the IRA. At least the young will not be led astray, even if they might have had a better film for their money.

Claudio Arrau, who plays a birthday concert at the Barbican tonight, talks to Richard Morrison

At 85, still provocative

Eighty years after a Chilean piano-playing prodigy stepped into his first public recital, Claudio Arrau has distilled the accumulated wisdom of his extraordinary career into a few priceless truths. Yet his is no serene old age: his performances still convey the inner turbulence that has been his lifelong hallmark. "An artist must draw creative strength from psychological difficulties,"

Arrau has never disguised his psychological difficulties, perhaps because he has triumphed so famously and rewardingly over them. It all started in Berlin in 1918. The child Arrau had been sent from Chile to Germany to study with Martin Krause (himself a pupil of Liszt). Krause was the

stern father-figure for the boy who had no father: he plunged Arrau into the technical inferno of Liszt's Transcendental Studies at the age of 11, he even decided what Arrau should eat - and Arrau worshipped him. He still does. Then Krause died. Suddenly Arrau had no mentor; he had to support himself, his mother and sisters in a strange land; and he was just 18.

Worse was to follow. An American tour was a disaster; the German economic collapse made him penniless; and there were

technical problems. "I was rushing the music, trying to show off: I had not then acquired the courage to displease." Remarkably, for that period, Arrau consulted a psychoanalyst - and his whole outlook changed.

From that time, too, stems Arrau's belief in "the fulfilment of personality, in the biblical sense that you must use all your gifts. You become a much bigger interpreter if you develop yourself in many different directions - painting, literature, for example." So

began his hobby of acquiring artefacts from many cultures.

Arrau, in his earlier years, did some remarkable things. A 12-recital Bach cycle was considered revolutionary in 1935, but almost as extraordinary was the renunciation that followed. When the great harpsichordist Wanda Landowska appeared on the scene shortly afterwards, Arrau immediately saw that the future for Bach performance lay with the harpsichord. He has not played a note of Bach in public since.

Not so with Mozart. Arrau's

recent recordings of the sonatas have been among the most controversial things he has ever done, quite out of step with current ideas about performing 18th-century music. Partly this is because, whereas Arrau respects the harpsichord's supremacy in Bach, he believes the fortepiano of Mozart's day to be merely an inferior predecessor of the modern grand. But the difference is more fundamental than that. "To interpret Mozart sonatas in a real way, one should start by recalling the world of his operas - the drama and intensity of expression there. Then the sonatas become much more meaningful, not at all sweet or cute." At 85, Arrau still has the capacity to provoke.

However, the evening founders with the casting of Simon Ward as Jacques. The character is the usual egotist required in farce but the adaptation (significantly not just the translation) makes him abusive to the long-suffering maid, bad tempered to the longer-suffering wife and mistress alike, and prone to biting the sofa in an access of invented stomach pains whenever the women turn against him. His Jacques is simply not good company.

As for the adaptation, instead of mis-marrying references to *Brief Encounter* with train timetables to Limoges, Clack and Stelman should have relocated the story this side of the Channel.

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This was not the most auspicious start for Sir Georg Solti's crash course in Bartók. It began with a performance of the First Piano Concerto remarkable for the snatched, snarled wind gestures of the first movement and for the hectic speed of the finale, but not at all for precision of ensemble.

Zoltan Kocsis at the piano worked away with his characteristic amalgam of hard strength and dark mystery, but he was discomfited by what was going on, or not going on around him in the last movement.

The performance of *Blackbird's Castle* after the interval began with both orchestra and conductor seemingly unmoved by the experience of the concerto. Tempos were generally on the fast side, but even so there was a tentativeness in the execution, a lack of forward drive and of character in the playing of soloists and small ensembles.

However, by the time of the great climax at the fifth of the se-

ven doors, confidence was burgeoning and the second half of the work was far more energetically projected. One passage that benefited especially was the build-up to the opening of the last door: Kiera Takacs as Judith sang her demand with quiet, chilling earnestness, and the ensuing orchestral *moto perpetuo* became a picture of an obsession circling and growing unstopably, even in the knowledge of what the end must be.

In this section, and indeed throughout the latter part of the work, Takacs achieved a great deal through her command of character and verbal rhythm (she made the word setting appear totally natural, unassailable), although earlier she had experienced difficulties with intonation, particularly around the top of the scale.

Age Hangland as Blackbird was utterly steady, yet also abundantly expressive (his Hungarian, too, sounded beyond reproach). This was a Blackbird of deep affections and deep melancholy: when he explained what was on view behind the sixth door, there was little doubt but that the lake was tears of his own.

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God botherer

Victoria Glendinning on the life of the fanatic genius who ranted loud in the wilderness of this world

The *Pilgrim's Progress* has been a best-seller for 300 years. It is one of the most famous books in the world.

The first book in English ever to be translated into Polish, it has always been popular in underdog countries and, in recent decades, the Third World. This lasting popularity cannot be understood simply in terms of its literary merit and religious significance, thinks Christopher Hill. Bunyan expressed in metaphor and allegory the hatred of the lower classes for the gentry and university scholars, drawing on the escapist fantasies of traditional popular romances.

Hill's aim in this book is to put Bunyan back into the bitter revolutionary context where he feels he belongs. Christian in *The Pilgrim's Progress* is not a gentleman, and neither was Bunyan the tinker-tinkers, at the time, were a byword for low-class fecklessness. The villains in *The Pilgrim's Progress* are all lords and gentlemen. The Giant Despair lives on what amounts to a large country estate, the result of enclosure, with dungeons in which to throw the vagrants who trespass on his land. Property, social class, and brute economic realities, thinks Hill, were more pressing in Bunyan's time than the desire for political freedoms on which some academic historians prefer to concentrate.

The turbulent, seditions, and factions people of the title are, in a contemporary's view, Bunyan and his Bedford congregation. The same phrase would seem to apply to modern historians of the 17th century, who find it almost as hard to agree on matters such as the causes of the Civil War as 17th-century dissenters did on the

mysterious workings of divine grace, free will, and predestination. Dr Hill has been writing books about the politics and religion of this period since before World War II, and if anyone has the confidence to confront the hysteria of Ranters, Diggers, Levellers, Arminians, Fifth Monarchists, Latitudinarians, Socinians, Muggletonians, and Quakers (who were not, in the 17th century, the liberal, peace-loving folk they later became) it is he.

We must never forget, he writes, the atmosphere of fear in which dissenters lived and in which Bunyan wrote his best work. They were, off and on, excluded from local and national politics and forbidden to preach. Bunyan spent a third of his adult life in prison. Seventeenth-century jails were run by private enterprise "with all the abuses that naturally follow", as Hill remarks, and as our present government, said to be considering privatizing prisons, might remember. Hill is too witty a historian to draw exact parallels between then and now, but he has a memorable paragraph in this book about the mysterious and overwhelming sense of despair manifested by so many people, including children, in the hectic 17th century, especially in the middle years when the economic divide became extreme.

Bunyan lived in disordered times and he was an unbalanced man. Lord Macaulay, in the mid-19th century, wrote superciliously that he had "sensibility which amounted to a disease" and that the infection of religious enthusiasm turned his mind. Hill too writes of him as a neurotic, and of preaching as his therapy. But Bunyan's obsession with sin and personal salvation was a collective

neurosis among the fragmented, oppressed, half-educated protestant sects, who had dispensed with priests and authoritarian guidance and argued everything out among themselves. Bunyan was convinced that the Pope was Antichrist, that the Second Coming of Christ was imminent, and that only the elect would be saved. Universal salvation was not contemplated. According to covenant theology, God made a hard-nosed deal with Christ for a chosen few. To be among the elect mattered like hell, and hell mattered horribly.

It was also assumed that there would be fewer women among the elect than men. When it comes to the position of women, Bunyan was hardly a revolutionary. Chris-

tian, setting out on his pilgrimage to save his soul, blocks his ears with his fingers so as not to hear the cries of his wife and children — who are left, one assumes, to the thin mercy of parish relief.

The second part of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, in which Christian's wife Christiana makes her own pilgrimage to join him, was perhaps written in response to the complaints of the female members of Bunyan's congregation. But Christiana's starring role in the story is gradually eroded by the exploits of her male companions, including her own sons. Bunyan, who was twice married, believed that women were subordinate beings who should never, as he put it, "perk it" over their husbands. Christopher Hill, in analysing

these not uncommon attitudes, faces up to them like — well, like a man.

Bunyan ironically died just two months before the Glorious Revolution in which, in Hill's formulation, "William the Liberator" came over from the Netherlands to save protestantism in England. What had saved Bunyan from going off the rails altogether was his obsessive study of the Bible. His preaching and writing was biblical in its rhetoric, but it was also homely and personal: his imagery includes frogs, and spectacles, and apple trees. Hill quotes from his books — not only *The Pilgrim's Progress*, but the whole lot, many of them published posthumously — very generously, "thus saving myself

Snapshots with stories

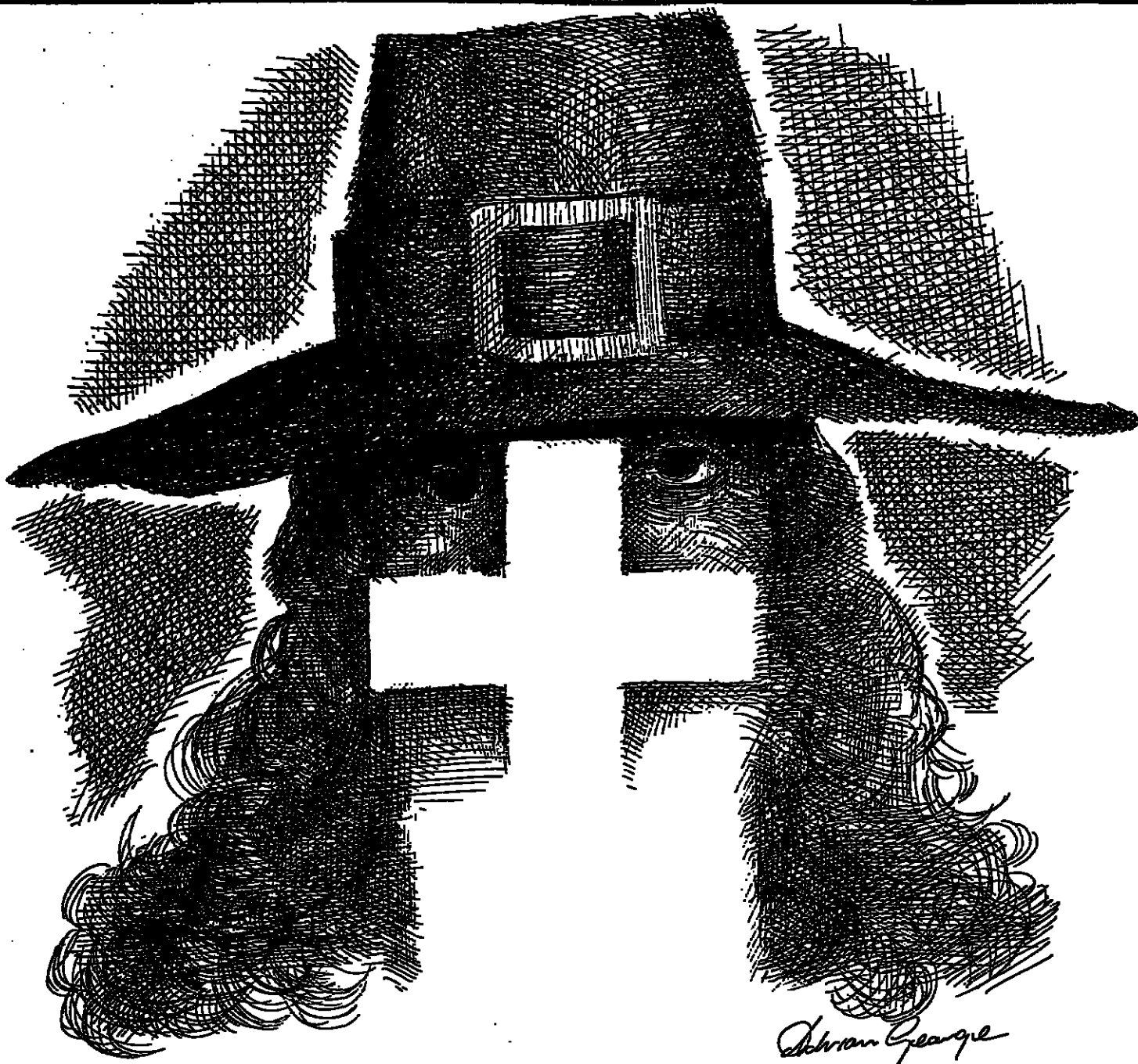
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HOCKNEY ON PHOTOGRAPHY
Conversations with Paul Joyce
Cape, £25

Hockney has imported Picasso's techniques into his photo-collages, and the results are superb: unlike anything being done in photography at present, these works fume and fidget on the page, so eager are they to be on the move from one perspectival moment to the next. A photograph of Bill Brandt — in fact, an assemblage of 49 photographs formed in a grid — shows Brandt with seven heads and a couple of heads. As Hockney rightly claims, it is an attempt to squeeze narrative (Brandt scratching his leg with one hand, then resting both in his lap) back into photography.

The closer you look at these photographs, the greater the distance from which they look back. It is significant that Hockney is now permanently based in Los Angeles, because these works, so deeply influenced by the Californian environment, seem to be distinctively American, with their emphasis on restlessness, quest, visionary reinvention. It is a fine opportunity to have a book which not only reprints a fair batch of these photographs, but also borrows them as plausible works of art.

It is, alas, not such a great opportunity to have the accompanying text. Hockney, interviewed by Paul Joyce over five years, appears to be under the impression that only he, rather than the rest of the world, has reflected upon mimesis in Western art. These "conversations" — without rigour, insight, or charm — seep on and on, and Joyce, playing an obtuse Boswell to Hockney's obtuse Johnson, goads the artist into spasms of hubris. "The opposition will be ignorant; I don't think there could be an intelligent opposition to these ideas," Hockney warns Joyce, who replies: "How can there be, when you're telling the truth, David?" Hockney is still wrestling with formlessness in his art; but the struggle is over in his conversation.



John George

Trailing to Byzantium

Philip Howard

BYZANTIUM
The Early Centuries
By John Julius Norwich
Viking, £16.95

Byzantine is a worsened word, like "academic": taken to mean tortuous and difficult for plain men and women who read the *Daily Mail* or something worse, if that is conceivable. But quite recently Byzantium has come to be recognized in British universities as a suitable subject for study, as our link with our roots, as the ideological melting-pot for our Christian civilization, and in its own right for its art, architecture, and fanatical religious zeal. At the same time Turkey has become the thinking person's smart place for holidays, where the remains are better, the

grass is greener, and the lager louts and Sun-bathing-slobs fewer. So here, most carefully upon his hour, comes J.J. Norwich, cultural guide to the cultivated, with the first of three volumes doing for Byzantium what he once did for Venice. He takes the great city

from its foundation by Constantine to the coronation of Charlemagne on Christmas Day 800, when the centre of the civilized world shifted west again.

It is diachronic, taking you over the jumps chronologically as they come, rather than synchronic, dealing with the subject by topics, as Cyril Mango did. Gibbon is biter, cleverer, and unsound. This is not the place for original scholarship. What you get is an urbane and witty guide down the centuries, in the same tones as a good old courier for Serenissima or Swann's Tours.

Recherche for lost Proust

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

SWANN SONG
By Elizabeth Russell Taylor
Hutchinson, £11.95

RUNNING WILD
By J. G. Ballard
Hutchinson, £5.95

CANNIBALS IN SICILY
and
THE BATHING HUTS
By Monique Lange
Marion Boyars, £10.95

Here is a batch of short, fierce fiction. Elizabeth Russell Taylor's *Swann Song* starts from speculation about secret rituals that may have been practised by Marcel Proust. The story is told by three narrators: Aurélien Anders, who is an able Oxford graduate putting together a century programme about Proust for the BBC; Olga Saul Dubrowsky, the retiring director of the Proust Foundation in London; and Lev Bar-Lev, a surviving friend of Proust, who has spent his life writing about Sabbatai Sevi, the 17th-century false Messiah. This structure is not without flaw. We are too interested in Aurélien Anders to be satisfied by her appearance only as Bar-Lev's interlocutor in a later section; we lose track of Proust in following Bar-Lev back to his village childhood; and the effect of closing this novel on the crumbling walls of Bar-Lev's destroyed Polish village is to reduce the depravity of a homosexual brothel to pettiness.

Nevertheless, this is a fascinating first novel. What intrigues most is Miss Taylor's uncomfortably acute perception into childhood, unhappiness, embarrassment, Jewishness, Oxford, and the insecurity that draws women to homosexual men. She writes brilliantly of Greece, of emptiness, and the need for love. It is only her subtle understanding of these matters that allows us to be persuaded of her central thesis, that Proust's use of male prostitutes sprang from his conversion to an heretical sect of Judaism, founded by Sevi, with a belief in the redemptive power of sin.

In *Running Wild*, Ballard exposes the ethos of Pangbourne village, the carefully-designed enclave for the rich and responsible. The residents share the contemporary middle-class aspirations to regulate the world so that they can live, if not forever, as long as possible, and that their children shall inherit the earth. Everything in their elegant landscape and sensibly-equipped homes has that intention in mind. The computer

screens, on which they programme messages of praise and encouragement, soothe their children's spirits, even as swimming-pools and exercise gear care for their healthy bodies. Scarcely a minute of anyone's day has not been intelligently planned. It is, as Ballard observes, a scene which seems to be waiting for its murder. His imagination, fired by the Hungerford murders, Ballard starts from a massacre in Pangbourne which is even more wholesale. All the adult members of the Pangbourne community are murdered and all the children disappear without trace. The blanching facades of the perfect enclave are altogether abandoned. It is a telling image; and images are the way Ballard's fiction works.

Ballard's interest in the mystery is more diagnostic and clinical than in creating suspense. His hatred for the people whose lives he is investigating is too manifest for us to develop many alternative hypotheses. The original clues are crossed by a few pieces of misleading information (when the first child hostage is recovered, for example) but Ballard is not much interested in his plot. He offers instead an eerie footnote to the Hungerford disaster; the fear that intelligent understanding can do as much damage to the human psyche as more commonly established schizophrenic behaviour.

Monique Lange's ellipse is of another kind. These two novellas are short, but far from slight; they deal with crises: the first, mourning after the death of a mother, the second, the onset and acceptance of age. There are few descriptions; the language is spare; the stories are carried forward almost entirely by dialogue.

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DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a sociable bride who experiences a series of nightmares. Directed by Harley Koidis, with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (85 min).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, Late Fri, Sat 11.40.

FRANTIC (15): Roman Polanski's latest film - a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 6.35, 8.15.

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Cannon Park St (01-630 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.45, 7.30, 10.15.
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A WORLD APART (PG): Apathetic through the eyes of a 15-year-old girl (Jodie May) as her mother is arrested and imprisoned under the 90 day detention act (112 min).
Curzon West End (01-438 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.

THEATRE

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Kidnap and intrigue

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★ **THE TEMPEST:** Max von Sydow heads a starry cast in Jonathan Miller's excellent production.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm and Sat 7.45pm. Mat Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. 27-214.

LONG RUNNERS: ... Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Croydon Theatre (01-724 1166). ... Folies: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5595). ... 42nd Street: Drury Lane Theatre (01-379 5595). ... Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111). ... Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913). ... The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). ... The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). ... The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244).

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Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews from tonight, 7.45-10.15pm. Opens Nov 8, 7.30-10.15pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm. Previews and Mats 25; From Nov 8, 25-30.

★ **BRIGADOON:** Scottish music and magic in revival of Lerner and Loewe's first hit musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1517). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm. Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm. 25-30. Thurs mat, all seats half-price.

★ **BUDGE:** Adam Faith with Anita Dobson in thirteenth Soho musical. Croydon Theatre, Earlsfield, WC2 (01-379 5598). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Wed and Sat 3pm. 25-30 except Wed mats, 24-210. (D)

★ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noel Coward 1936 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's faithful county folk.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.15pm. Sat 8.15-10.30pm. Mats Tues 5.15pm and Sat 5.15pm. 25-30.

★ **NEEDLE GABLER:** Lindsay Duncan, Chris Francis and Alex Norton in thrilling new production.
Hamstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 8224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm. Mats Sat 4.30pm. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.15pm. 25-30. Sat eve 27.50.

★ **THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES:** London's newest theatre (former rehearsal room) opens with Denis Quillan, Nicola McAuliffe and Helen Lederer in New York black comedy. Lifford Bayliss Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (01-278 8910). Tube: Farringdon. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm; mats Thurs 2.30-5pm and Sat 3.30-5.30pm. Until Nov 12, 25-25.

WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 24
ALAPA
(b) The light blow formerly delivered by the bishop on the cheek (*leviter in maxilla castus*) of those being confirmed. Maybe an imitation of the blow with a sword by which a Teutonic knight was dubbed, more probably associated with the kiss of peace.

MINIMS
(c) The *Ordo Fratrum Minus*, the order of monks founded in 1435 by St Francis of Paola. As their name indicates, they meant to practise humility as their chief virtue, regarding themselves (correctly) as the least (*minims*) of all religions.

CAUTION
(e) A radical direction for the correct administration of the Sacraments. The word is used especially of those prefixed to the Roman Missal of 1570 to give the celebrant guidance in the case of accidents or defects during the service.

HEMEROBAPTISTS
(a) A Jewish sect for which daily ablution was an essential part of religion. Their doctrines were similar to those of the Pharisees, except that they denied the resurrection. Some say John the Baptist was one of them. Others identify them with Hebrew sect of *Tolke-shaharim* (morning bathers).

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OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ★ In Touch: Grity Northern Irish mixed new staging for Opera North of Prokofiev's Fantasy Opera.
New Theatre, Hall (0482 226655). 7.15-9.45pm. 25-215.

★ **THE MIDSUMMER MARRIAGE:** Excellent revival of Tippet's production originally seen at Opera North and now on tour with Scottish Opera.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031 557 2590). 7.15-10.15pm. 25-215.

★ **LA TRAVIATA:** Gian Jullian's popular 1920s-style production for WNO.
Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 709 1555). 7.15-10.15pm. 25-221.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME
★ **PILGRIM'S 12 VOLTS:** Marking the 300th anniversary of the death of John Bunyan, Kevin Bowyer plays Ernest Austin's marionette (25 hour) organ work, the 12-volume *Pilgrim's Progress* Op 41, a seldom-heard 1912 composition.
St. Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3 (01-741 9899). 1pm, free.

EVENING
★ **LUDWIG'S CONTEXT:** In the "Beethoven in Context" segment of the Beethoven Project, series Jane Glover conducts the London Mozart Players in Schubert's Symphony No 8 "Unfinished". Berlioz's *Les Nuits d'Elie* (Dante, Jean-Baptiste, soprano). Mendelssohn's *Marchen von der schönen Melusine* as well as in Beethoven's Symphony No 8.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.30-9.30pm. 24.50-212.50.

★ **MIRACULOUS BARTOK:** In conducting the Halle Orchestra, George Lehel frames Bartok's *Miraculous Mandarin* Suite with Haydn's Symphony No 48 in C major and Brahms's Symphony No 1 in C minor.
Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester (061 834 1712). 7.30pm, 22-10.

★ **POMMER PERFORMERS:** Jean-Benoit Pomeroy, soprano, and Northern Sinfonia in Ravel's Pavana and Martin's *Toccata e Due Canzoni* and plays the piano in Mozart's Quinet K 452. Then the Sinfonia Chorus join in for Faust's Requiem.
City Hall, College St, Newcastle (091 261 9089). 7.45pm, 22.50-23.

OPERA

★ **THE LOVE FOR THREE ORANGES:** Richard Jones's highly praised new staging for Opera North of Prokofiev's Fantasy Opera.
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ROCK

★ **JULIA FORDHAM:** Much loved New Woman rock singer in the Sade/Carmel mould.
St George's Hall, Hall, Ipswich, Bradford (0274 752000). 7.30pm, 25-25.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending October 29

FICTION		
1 Oscar and Lucinda, Peter Carey	Faber	£10.95
2 The Edge, Dick Francis	Michael Joseph	£11.95
3 Nice Work, David Lodge	Sacker & Warburg	£10.95
4 The Socratic Verses, Salman Rushdie	Virago	£12.95
5 Difficulties With Girls, Gail Kersh	Hutchinson	£11.95
NON-FICTION		
1 Reflect on Things Past, Lord Carrington	Collins	£17.50
2 Macmillan 1894-1956, Alistair Home	Macmillan	£16.95
3 Upwardly Mobile, Norman Tebbit	Wiedenfeld	£12.95
4 Paradise Lost, Christopher Wood	Barrie & Jenkins	£19.95
5 Power, A Friedman	Harrap	£12.95

Source: Hachards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

New Academy Gallery, 34 Windmill St, London W1 (01-323 4700). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until Dec 5.

OTHER EVENTS

THE HEALING ARTS EXHIBITION: Excellent showcase for the increasingly popular theories and practices of alternative medicines and complementary therapies explaining the body's natural healing processes. The Kensington Exhibition Centre, Rainbow Suite, Derry St, London W8. Today until Nov 6, daily 11am-7pm. Adult 25, child 12.

HEARTS AND HANDS: Opening day of the annual exhibition of work by the Boston Arts and Crafts Society - a needlework group - which includes tapestry, bobbin lace, embroidered pictures, crochets, quilts and many other examples of the craft. Boston Guildhall Museum, South St, Boston, Lincolnshire. Until Nov 30, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Adult 40p, child 20p.

SALE OF IMPORTANT HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS AND SILVER: The second and final part of the Yablon Library, a distinguished Hebrew collection built up by the financier and philanthropist, the late Ralph Yablon, goes under the hammer today. Highlight is the Passover Hagaddah, written and illuminated in 1730 by Aaron Wolf Heringer, the most prolific artist-scribe of the Krakow school in the 18th century. Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3 & 4 Hatfield St, Rosebery Ave, London EC1. (01-338 2635). 11am.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON - GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: meet Westminster tube, 11am. (01-278 3720).

A JOURNEY THROUGH KENNEDY'S LONDON: Holborn tube, 2pm. (01-278 3720).

PIBS, SMUGGLERS, PIRATES AND PRESSGANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7pm. (01-278 3720).

COCKNEYS, CRIMINALS AND JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm. (01-582 3414).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ELLIOTT CARTER AT 80: Two concerts to celebrate composer's birthday with Ensemble Intercontemporain, Pierre Boulez, and Arditi Quartet. Works include first British performance of his Oboe Concerto. Also pieces by Boulez and Carter. Dec 12/13. Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800, info: 01-928 3002).

WHIRLIGIG CHILDREN'S THEATRE: Booking for two shows, The Saffish and The Tale of the Green Bird, and all that's Rubbish, a new musical by David Wood and Peter Pontzen based on Michael Foreman book. Nov 14-19. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival: Booking for tenth festival, with performances of Stockhausen works in presence of composer, to mark his sixtieth birthday. Nov 18-20. Details: Contemporary Music Festival, Polytechnic, Queensgate, Huddersfield. (0484 2228 ext 2103).

LAST CHANCE

LA TRAVIATA: Last performance this season by ENO, in production by David Pountney, and Helen Foulds and Alex Ingram conducting. Tonight. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-366 3161, or 01-240 5256).

WAGNERS HOCKNEY: Retrospective. Ends Sat. Coliseum, 8 Drovers St, London W1 (01-449 6701).

Theatre Jeremy Kingston: Films: Geoff Brown: Composer Max Harrison. Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carlsw; Other Events: Jeremy Kingston; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1710

ACROSS

- Boat worker (10)
- Numberless (7)
- Crave for (5)
- Military group (4)
- Mercy (8)
- Play without pause (5)
- Warning light (5)
- Valley conduit (8)
- Telephoned (4)
- Deviating from usual (5)
- Gourmet (7)
- Unreeling (10)

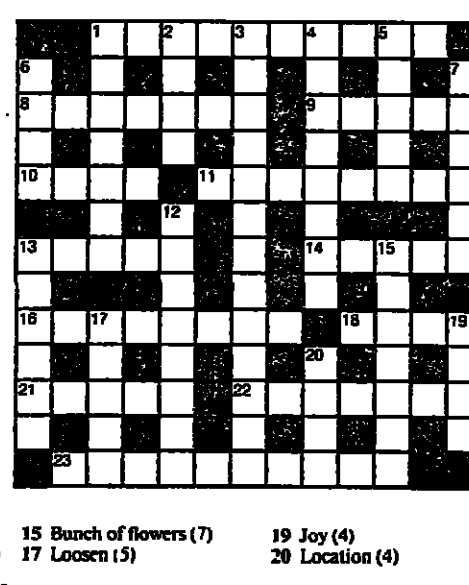
DOWN

- Young cure (7)
- Large goat (5)
- Pointed shoes (5-7)
- Gradually (8)
- Sansuery (5)
- Natal warrior people (4)
- Persistent person (8)
- Taking no notice (8)
- Skiing obstacle course (6)
- Loosen (5)
- Joy (4)
- Location (4)

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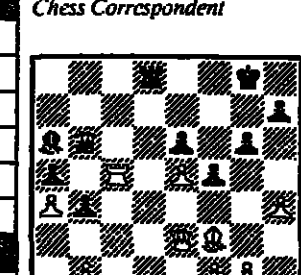
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DOWN: 1 Shunk, 2 Dulciana, 3 Sighting, 4 Mince, 5 Look, 7 Washer, 9 Extravaganza, 15 Overcome, 16 Torrid, 17 Sheikh, 19 Tragic, 21 Omen.



WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Alekhine (White) and Flohr (Black), played in the 1931 Bled tournament. White, to move, wins. The answer will be given in tomorrow's Times.

Profits at Coloroll Group almost double to £20.5m

By Carol Ferguson
Coloroll, the leading home furnishings group which earlier this year acquired the John Crowther textile group, reported a near doubling of pretax profits from £11.1 million to £20.5 million at the interim stage. The results included Crowther for the four months since acquisition.

Turnover was up 96 per cent to £244 million for the half year to September 30, but earnings per share rose more slowly, up 18 per cent to 9.8p, due to the larger number of shares in issue. The dividend was increased by 15 per cent to 3.04p net.

Mr John Ashcroft, Coloroll's chairman, said that since Crowther was acquired, its cloth and clothing divisions have been sold, loss-making businesses have been closed, and revitalization of the carpet interests is well under way.

"Prospects for our business remain very good on the back of strong sales and continuing keen interest in home fashion," he said. However, he added that progress at Coloroll Inc, the US home furnishings subsidiary, had been held back as a result of strong competition. "In this environment, profits will remain depressed in the short term until the full benefit of



Growth in store: Coloroll chairman John Ashcroft yesterday (Photograph: Nick Goldfinger)

our current investment programme comes through," he said.

Borrowings have been reduced since the post Crowther high and are down to 50 per cent as a percentage of equity. "The group is financially sound, and well set to attain our gearing target of 30-40 per

cent by the end of the financial year in March," he added.

Higher borrowings, and higher interest rates, meant that interest costs had quadrupled in the half year to £6.3 million. However, significant tax losses in Crowther have brought the average tax charge across the group down from

28 per cent last year to 22 per cent. Crowther's tax losses amount to £50 million in Britain alone, with a significant additional amount in Australia. There are also write-offs of unrelieved advance corporation tax in Crowther which can be utilized. *Tempos, page 26*

Maxwell in £60m Italian buy

By Wolfgang Munchau

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, has announced his second acquisition this week. He has acquired a majority interest in Panini, the Italian publisher of children's literature, in a deal worth £141.4 billion (£60.4 million).

Mr Maxwell is buying a 54 per cent stake held by the Panini family and a 30 per cent stake held by Mr Carlo De Benedetti, the Italian financier.

Panini will become part of Mr Maxwell's Pergamon publishing company, but Mr Franco Panini will continue as chairman, with Mr Ian Maxwell and Mr Kevin Maxwell, Mr Robert Maxwell's sons, on the board.

The news came on the eve of an appeal court hearing in Delaware, which is likely to decide today on the future of Macmillan, the US publisher, for which both Mr Maxwell and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the US finance house, are offering \$2.6 billion.

Young's call to cut red tape

By Colin Narbrough

There should be more staff-swapping between the Civil Service and the business world, according to a White Paper on removing regulations that stifle enterprise.

Called *Releasing Enterprise*, the White Paper urges an annual review of each Whitehall department's scope for cutting red tape.

It also envisages six "Government Business Shops" on an experimental basis to help businesses — small firms in particular — sort out VAT

problems and other tax matters.

Lord Young of Grafton, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, launching the deregulation report yesterday, said the first one-stop business shops were already open in Glasgow and Merthyr Tydfil. Another four would follow in the new year in Manchester, Doncaster, Reading and Newcastle.

Last year there were 473 secondments, with some civil servants going out to work in

business. Lord Young said he was originally a businessman seconded to Government. "And look what has happened to me," he remarked.

Lord Young said the Government was giving very high priority to preventing bureaucracy from infiltrating the single European market in 1992, and was determined to achieve an "entrepreneurial Europe" as free as possible from red tape.

Releasing Enterprise (Cmd 512), £5.90p, HMSO

S&N sells two Pontin's sites

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, which acquired 50 per cent of Pontin's, the leisure group, the day after Elders Ltd, the Australian brewer, bid £1.6 million for it, is raising £17 million by selling two Pontin's camp sites for housing.

The sites, Barton Hall near Torquay, Devon, and Broadreeds, at Selsey, Sussex, are inland sites which already

have planning permission. Pontin's was planning to sell them before the S&N deal.

Details of S&N's venture with Pontin's will be made available on the same day that its defence document against the unwelcome Elders bid is published. This will be sent to shareholders by next Monday.

The brewery's involvement with Pontin's goes back to March 1987 when S&N help-

ed finance, with £2.7 million, the holiday group's management when it bought the company from Bass. The rest of Pontin's will be bought over the next five years on a formula based on profits performance up to a maximum of £210 million. The Langdale holiday operation which S&N acquired with Matthew Brown, the brewer, will go into Pontin's.

Oil firms face new licence checks

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Oil companies applying for new licences in next year's 11th Round of acreage on offer in the North Sea from the Department of Energy will face a detailed examination of their past exploration and safety records.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, yesterday sent clear signals to the Commons all-party Energy Select Committee that several leading oil companies will be warned that no new acreage will be offered unless firm exploration plans are submitted. Some of the oil companies have carried out little exploration on large blocks granted to them in the first four rounds.

In a speech to be given tonight to the Institute of Petroleum in Aberdeen, Mr Morrison is likely to repeat comments he made yesterday that the North Sea is still one of the most attractive exploration areas for oil in the world and that the Government is still committed to encouraging the small UK independent companies.

He rejected criticism that the Government's policies have allowed some smaller companies to be taken over by large groups. He said that companies making takeover approaches had had to satisfy the Department of Energy that they would continue with work schedules submitted to the Department by the original independent company.

The next round of acreage, to be offered early in 1989, will be awarded on the basis of past record, or if a new company makes an application with work schedules planned and financial guarantees. Companies who have a firm procurement policy to take as much as possible of the equipment and services they need from UK companies will also be favoured and safety records will be scrutinized.

Mr Morrison said there will be no acreage offered on an auction basis, a policy which has favoured the larger companies and which many hoped would continue.

He indicated that while the Government could not change licensing arrangements introduced by a former Labour Government which do not require companies to surrender licences if no drilling takes place, future exploration licences would have a shorter life and would be returnable if no exploration work was carried out within a fixed period.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Gordon wants a tonic for Cable and Wireless

Gordon Owen, recently moved up to deputy chief executive of Cable and Wireless, has been sitting on the sidelines for a month after making his bid for Telephone Rentals, but is awaiting his moment to get things moving again.

Although it is C&W making the bid, Mr Owen very much gives the impression that the bid is his baby, and his reputation inside the C&W hierarchy to some extent depends on him winning his reluctant quarry. The bid for TR is, after all, designed to expand the Mercury Communications business, rather than to expand C&W as a whole. If C&W wants expansion, it looks to broader horizons overseas, rather than deeper penetration of the domestic market.

Mr Owen is managing director of Mercury, and the man who said a few years ago that it would take £30million to £40million of losses before Britain's only rival to British Telecom moved into profit. The prediction will prove remarkably accurate, and as the profits start rolling they will eliminate past losses in short order. Gordon's projections will prove a tonic to C&W's profit growth. It was always inevitable that if Mercury was to be properly exploited, it would need to be much more than a wholesale carrier of communications, and Mr Owen has identified Telephone Rentals as the vehicle which will carry him closer to his customers.

The timing of his bid, however, was dictated by the state of development of Mercury rather than by the condition of TR. He hardly had the credibility to start tackling bits on to the Mercury network before the network itself was proven in both the operational and financial sense. So for two years he had to sit on his hands and wait, while TR gathered the energy to haul itself off its profits plateau and put earnings per share back in motion.

TR would not have a great defence to a well organised bid, because its recent past makes projections suspect. But it does have a great defender in the form of one time king of the corporate finance merchants Sir Charles Ball, who will spot all the loopholes in C&W's assault.

The first he will find is that C&W is offering cash with a loan note alternative. Investors who have stuck by TR during the dull days are unlikely to be tempted out by the prospect of a cash bid which offers less than 100p of premium over the pre-bid price: they have stuck it out so far, they will more than likely want to stay around to see if TR is going to deliver the benefits of its capital investment programme. And anyway, where is there a fund manager who wants cash right now?

Mr Owen should charge upstairs at Mercury House and convince his boss Sir Eric Sharp that it would not be a disaster to offer TR shareholders an equity alternative, so that they can share

in the benefits that a successful takeover would bring to C&W. These are likely to be substantial, for parts of the Mercury system are underused and attachment to TR's customers could increase the traffic.

Sir Eric belongs to the school of company chairmen who always believe their shares undervalued by the stock market, but in reality C&W shares are not so lowly rated that he should begrudge issuing a few. The prospective price/earnings ratio is more than 14, a premium of 30 per cent to the market as a whole and 50 per cent higher than British Telecom. C&W needs to recognise the improvement in quality of earnings that TR would bring, lessening the group's exposure to currencies and adding the repeatable rental and maintenance profits.

In the original announcement, C&W said it was seeking a meeting with TR "with a view to obtaining a recommendation of the offer". Old Sir Charles would not fall for anything as soft as that, and no meeting has taken place. What C&W needs to do is to make it clear to TR shareholders that the offer of a meeting was not a mere formality, a faint hope that Sir Charles might cave in without a fight, but a genuine offer of negotiations, which would include not only the price but also the form of an offer.

C&W is, after all, a company going places which is deserving of every point of its premium rating. But that is no consolation to TR shareholders offered a take-it-or-leave-it 305p cash offer.

Gloom in store

Less than 24 hours after the Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr Nigel Lawson sat down after delivering his cautious autumn statement, Marks and Spencer was on hand to reinforce the gloomy message for the stores sector. M&S figures were not exactly a disaster, but they left its own shares 10p off and unsettled the entire market. Believers of the "second leg" theory of the bear market prepared to sharpen up their arguments, and certainly the market has a nervousness about it not seen for the best part of a year.

Retail traders, as we pointed out here yesterday, will find the going increasingly tough, and the market will have to adjust to a flow of possibly poor news over the next few weeks. A number of important forecasts have already been downgraded, including those for Next and Storehouse, the latter reporting interim results next week. Burton comes two weeks later.

M&S itself witnessed analysts downgrading their expectations for the full year, but what the market has been telling us is that earnings growth in the sector is likely to fall to zero within the next year. Only then there will be the basis for a bounce in share prices.

Bank chief to join Waterhouse

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Peter Cooke, director in charge of banking supervision at the Bank of England for nine years, is to join Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm, on January 1.

He has been appointed chairman of PW's world regulatory advisory group for banks and other financial companies, set up to give advice on the increasingly complex and rapidly changing supervisory environment in financial markets.

Mr Cooke is also taking up a

directorship in the new European private bank which is being set up by Mr Edmond Safra in Switzerland.

The appointment at PW is a considerable coup for the accountancy firm since Mr Cooke is one of the world's leading authorities on banking supervision.

From 1977 he was chairman of the Basel Committee of central bankers which drew up the international rules on bank capital adequacy now being introduced in most in-

dustrialized countries. He worked at the Bank of England for 33 years, and was head of banking supervision between 1976 and 1985.

Mr Cooke will help PW's banking team give advice to clients on how to structure their policies in the light of the supervisory requirements of the countries and markets in which they operate.

This most often takes the form of advice to international banks setting up operations in foreign countries

whose rules are unfamiliar to them. PW anticipates considerable demand from European firms in the run-up to 1992.

Mr Cooke said that with the greater internationalization of financial markets, regulation had become a much greater factor in affecting the way banks and other companies operated.

There were still, however, many unresolved supervisory problems in many areas, including banking and securities markets.

Game, set, match and ADT

The Queen's attendance at the first match of the Wightman Cup women's tennis tournament today — sponsored for the first time by ADT subsidiary British Car Auctions — could herald a new era for the sport in Britain. For the past five years, BCA has sponsored half a dozen young potential tennis stars — selected by the Lawn Tennis Association — from the age of nine upwards. The cost in terms of coaching, transport and kit comes to £24,000 a year, but continued support could have been in jeopardy now that BCA has been bought by ADT. However, instead of cutting such expenditure, Michael Ashcroft, chairman of the old Hawley empire is, I hear, planning to announce an increase in the firm's tennis sponsorship budget, to about £50,000, at a gala dinner on Saturday, to celebrate the tournament's diamond jubilee. The gesture also reaffirms Ashcroft's commitment to Britain. His company is now Bermuda-based and its shares more warmly received on Wall Street than here. Rarely seen on a tennis court himself, Ashcroft's bubbly wife Susi has, however, often challenged David Wickins, the BCA founder, to a match at the El Medronal Country Club in southern Spain — where Wickins has a stake. "We helped put Britain on the map in golf, now it's time we did the same in tennis," says enthusiast Wickins, who is behind this sponsorship drive.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

School for economists

High-ranking officials at the Treasury are, I hear, becoming increasingly concerned by the steady stream of bright young economists they have lost to the City. Enticed by the ability to more than double their Civil Service salaries — economists can, in exceptional circumstances, earn more than £200,000 a year in the Square Mile — the Treasury's anxiety will be heightened by the news that Mark Franklin, aged 30, is leaving to join Credit Suisse First Boston on November 21.

Franklin, who will become the firm's UK economist in a team under chief economist Giles Keating, had been in government service for three years, working on its all-important public expenditure policy. He replaces Peter Spencer, also an ex-Treasury man who has moved on to Shearson Lehman. "The training that people get in the Treasury is so outstanding that it is in danger of turning into a finishing school for economists," admits Keating.

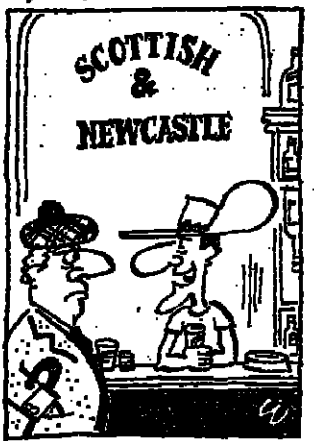
Pieces of byte

Where should a bright young thing look for a lucrative occupation? According to Nymman, Liden & Co, the

chartered accountant, there is money in computers. A programmer or systems analyst with three years' experience can earn £30,000 on a freelance contract in the City and as much as £24,000 in the provinces. But a self-employed programmer could, earn more than £100,000 a year.

Booked

In a scheme which may not, at first, endear Scottish & Newcastle to recipient shareholders, two Harley Davidson bikers, in LA police patrol uniforms, will be distributing "parking tickets" during the next few weeks. It is intended to promote the brewer's new low-alcohol beer. McEwans LA S&N clearly hope drivers will be relieved to discover that the "ticket" is a voucher for a discount on a trial pint.



"Newcastle New South Wales, mate."

Hook, line and . . .

Pride comes before a fall — as Jim Grieve, associate director and fund manager at merchant bank Hill Samuel, will testify. Making his debut as a salmon fisherman on the banks of the Tweed, on the Duke of Roxburgh's Floors Castle estate near Kelso, recently, he caught no less than two 20lb fresh run salmon during his first morning. It was the record catch of a week-long fishing party organized by Paul Roy, joint managing director of UK sales at Smith New Court, the stockbroker, for a number of his City colleagues. Encouraged by beginner's luck Grieve cast off again in the afternoon, but perhaps a little too eagerly. He certainly hooked more than he had bargained for. To his horror the line landed in the field behind him and the hook attached itself to a delicate part of the underbelly of a young bullock. In fright the bullock took off across the field, with Grieve obliged to follow in hot pursuit. As an attendant ghillie screamed at him to drop his reel — and Roy doubled up with laughter — the line, thankfully, snapped.

● BHP, the Australian mining conglomerate, has, I am told, banned pin-up posters in all its places of work and warned employees that they could face prosecution, under anti-discrimination laws, if "girlie" pictures are displayed. By way of compensation the company is offering to enlarge pictures chosen by its workers, to replace those of nudes and topless models.

Carol Leonard

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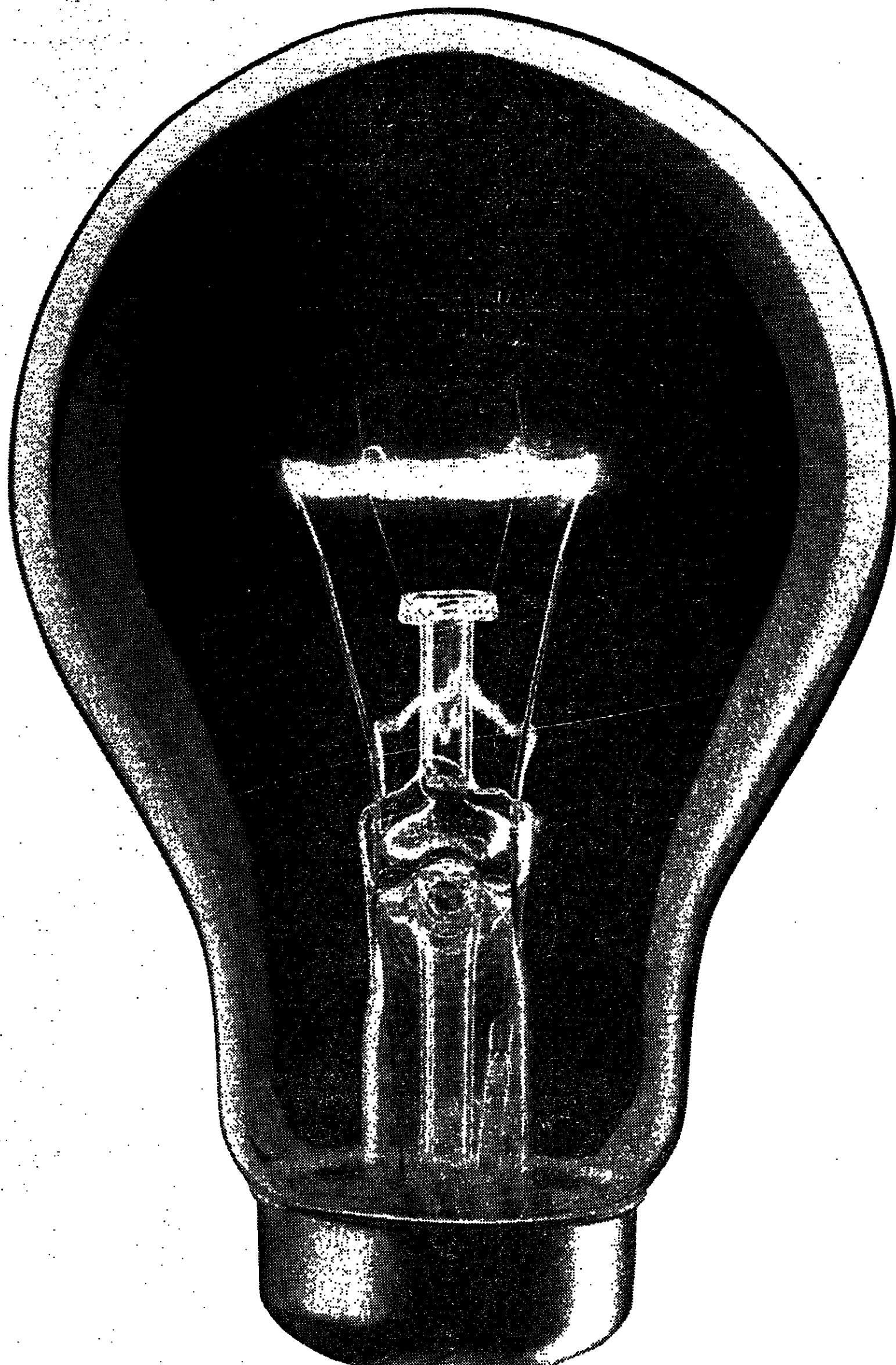
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LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that a number of

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling interest compared with 1975 was up at 76.6 (day's range 76.5-76.6).						
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES						
Market rates for November 2						
	Range	Close	1 month	3 month		
New Yrk	1 7700-1 7755	1 7745-1 7755	0 52-0 51 1/2	1 55-1 53	Argentina austral*	26 6974-26 6181
London	2 1760-2 1765	2 1760-2 1765	0 37-0 36 1/2	1 15-1 14 1/2	Australia dollar	2 1460-2 135 1/2
Amsterdam	2 5550-3 5570	2 5560-3 5570	0 31-0 31 1/2	1 10-1 09 1/2	Barron dlnr	2 0070-2 0070
Brussels	05 06-06 40	06 16-06 40	32-30 1/2	88-73 1/2	Brazil cruzeiro *	2 0720-2 030 1/2
Frankfurt	12 6205-12 6210	12 6205-12 6210	0 31-0 31 1/2	1 08-1 07 1/2	Canada dollar	2 0700-2 0650
Geneve	2 1753-1 1835	1 1814-1 1824	45-42 1/2	142-126 1/2	Denmark krone	1 4375-1 4775
Frankfurt	2 1534-1 1831	1 1859-1 1831	2 5-1 5	50-5 1/2	Greece drachma	2 555-260 7 1/2
London	2 0030-2 0035	2 0030-2 0035	0 31-0 31 1/2	1 08-1 07 1/2	Indian rupee	2 0200-2 0150
Madrid	2 0740-2 0720	2 0715-2 0720	50-49 1/2	50-29 1/2	Indonesia rpl	2 0200-2 0150
Mexico	2342 60-2361 65	2348 55-2351 65	10-10 1/2	50-29 1/2	Malaysia ringgit	4 7515-4 7560
Osaka	2 7883-1 2883	2 7883-1 2883	0 31-0 31 1/2	1 08-1 07 1/2	Mexico peso	3957-4075
Paris	10 7616-10 7650	10 7636-10 7650	3-3 1/4	11-10 1/2	New Zealand dollar	2 0550-2 0500
Geneve	12 1215	12 1215	0 31-0 31 1/2	1 08-1 07 1/2	Saudi Arabia riyal	6 5175-6 5175
Tokyo	22 071-22 071	22 071-22 071	1-1 1/4	4-4 1/2	Singapore dollar	2 3340-2 3375
Vancouver	22 12-22 12	22 12-22 12	11-11 1/2	30-30 1/2	South Africa rand	4 4750-4 4750
Vienna	22 12-22 12	22 12-22 12	11-11 1/2	30-30 1/2	Swedish krona	4 6775-4 6175
Zurich	2 0552-2 0558	2 0552-2 0558	11-11 1/2	50-50 1/2	Swiss franc	2 0550-2 0550
Premium = p	Discount = ds.				U.S. dollar	2 0550-2 0550
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Abstract

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Open High Low Close Vol					Open High Low Close Vol				
FT-SE 100					US Treasury Bond				
Dec 88	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	91-01	91-01	91-01	91-01	Previous open interest 12947
Jan 89	180.40	185.50	180.40	185.50	90-20	90-20	90-20	90-20	Previous open interest 34246
Feb 89	87.91	87.91	87.91	87.91	90-20	90-20	90-20	90-20	Previous open interest 17250
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LONDON FIX		LONDON METAL EXCHANGE				
		Official prices (values previous day)				
		Cash	3 months	6 months	Ref Mol	Walt
COCOA	G W Johnson					
Dec 805-804	Sept 827-826					
Mar 815-811	Dec 885-884					
Jul 815-811	Mar 885-884					
Jul 818-817	Jul 352-359					
COPPER	G W Johnson					
Mar 1055-1056	Sept 1055-1056					
Jul 1081-1080	Sept 1111-1110					
Mar 1084-1083	Jul 1112-1110					
Jul 1085-1084	Jul 1085-1084					
SUGAR	C Czernikoff					
Dec 249-0-4-5	Oct 251-2					
Mar 239-0-3-8	Oct 254-0-2-3					
May 234-2-0-2	Dec 233-0-1-4					
WHEAT close (11/80)		LONDON & FUTURES		MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES		
Mar 108-15		LIVE PIG CONTRACTS		Avg historic prices at representative		
Jul 117-70		Open		markets on November 2		
Mar 104-45		Close		Pig Sheeps		
May 104-45		Mar 94.5		74.73		
Dec 112-50		Apr 91.5		+1.65		
Nov 107-75		May 94.5		74.73		
Mar 127-87		Jun 91.5		+1.65		
Apr 175-7-5		Jul 94.5		74.73		
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Hugh Roberts on making that expedition less dreary

A day out in the mall for all of the family



The continuing boom in a shopping centre development has opened up a relatively new and challenging area of management, calling for a broader combination of skills than large-scale retailing or the maintenance and security of costly sites.

Modern shopping centres range from pedestrianized precincts, arcades and malls to town centre, edge-of-town, out-of-town and retail park shopping schemes.

Many of the UK schemes have been designed with skill and taste to appeal to today's generation of shoppers.

At the Pallasades in Birmingham, owned by Norwich Union, more than 100 retail outlets include food, fashion and furniture stores, chemists, cleaning firms and florists, banks and bookshops, household appliance stores and hairdressers, an art gallery, travel agents, restaurants and refreshment bars.

We aim to offer a comprehensive shopping mix in a pleasant environment which appeals to the whole family and takes the drudge and dreariness out of shopping.

Shopping centres of one type or another are becoming a familiar feature in Europe and the United States. In the US, it is estimated

that more than half of retail sales come from shopping malls — an indication of how popular the modern shopping complex has become.

In Britain, town-centre shopping complexes, which were once thought to be in danger of losing out to vast out-of-town complexes, are breathing new life into towns.

These shopping centres, especially, respond well to a new style of hands-on management. Thus, centre managers expect to be involved not only in managing the physical assets and security arrangements of the centre, but in marketing the complex.

They must ensure that the facilities and ambience are right to attract maximum customer traffic:

to the obvious benefit of both owners and tenants.

This means creating a distinctive image vis-a-vis competing shopping attractions, planning and implementing an active programme of promotional events and holding exhibitions.

It also includes laying-on entertainment at the centre, which may range from harpists to Punch and Judy, a Christmas grotto or international jazz. But, above all, we promote the centre through active PR, advertising and publishing our own newspaper.

Managers can never forget that their shopping complexes are part of a much larger town centre. We try to play our part in the life of the community by providing facilities

for civic, community and charitable causes.

It is this mix of comprehensive, attractive shopping facilities, entertainment, exhibitions, the promotional programme and the provision of community services and information that makes up the marketing strategy and style and creates the buzz so essential to the overall appeal.

A background in department store retailing, promotion and profit improvement clearly helps, both in developing a practical strategy and building a relationship with tenants; but even this doesn't prepare today's centre manager adequately for the variety of tasks to be handled.

One typical day included welcoming a new tenant, discuss-

ing a trading problem with another, stopping to talk to our own security team and police officers, planning a series of ethnic restaurant promotions, discussing arrangements for a royal visit, having a pulse count taken at an exhibition run by the local children's hospital and attending a meeting with the team responsible for publishing the Pallasades newspaper.

There is increasing evidence that people welcome a leisurely dimension where they shop, but the facilities and entertainment to complement and enhance the shopping expedition, not act as a distraction or a substitute for retailing.

Clearly more research is needed to establish the customer profile in

the catchment areas of existing or planned shopping centres, customers' needs and preferences, but also the extent of demographic changes and the type of retail and environment most likely to attract maximum support.

The most imaginative design is not always what customers prefer. Today's prize winners can easily become tomorrow's white elephants.

Shopping centre management is becoming a recognized professional specialization and the College of Estate Management now offers a two-year diploma course in this subject in conjunction with the British Council of Shopping Centres. The first year comprises a study

of modules in centre management principles and operation, development, property law and public controls and regulations; the second deals with planning and design, funding and leasing, marketing and promotion, refurbishment and future trends, concluding with a project.

At a conference on shopping centre management held at Keble College, Oxford in September, the college's Centre for Advanced Land Use Studies placed particular emphasis on promotional activities as part of an overall marketing and positioning strategy.

Shopping centres of the future will inevitably represent significantly larger levels of investment. At the same time, shoppers will continue to seek more choice, refinement and sophistication as well as an element of fun.

The task of marshalling and marketing centre resources and providing the leadership necessary to satisfy the interests of developers-owners, retailers and customers falls to the new breed of centre managers whose growing role and responsibility has yet to be properly defined and recognized.

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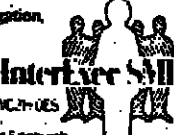
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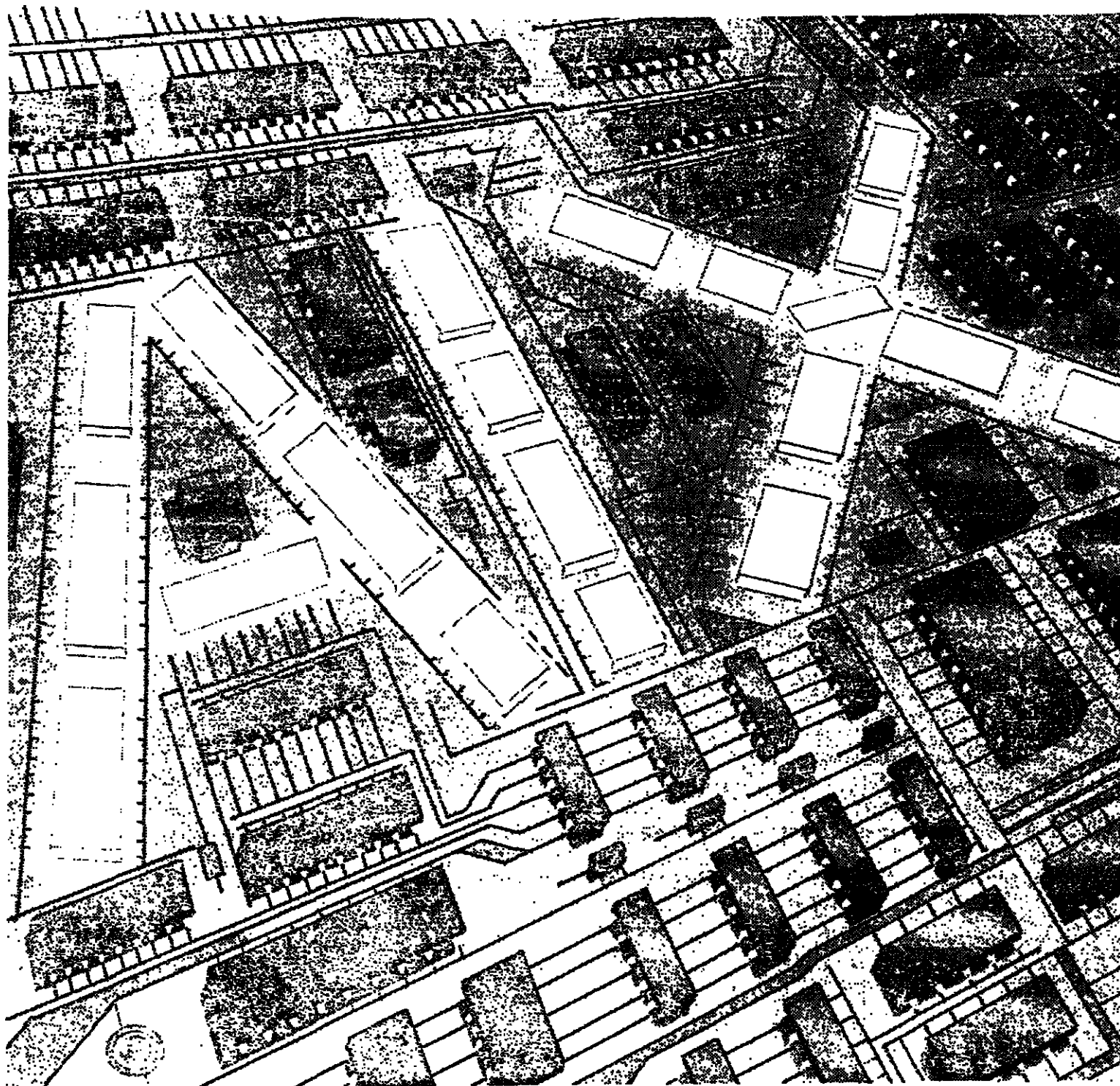


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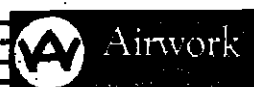
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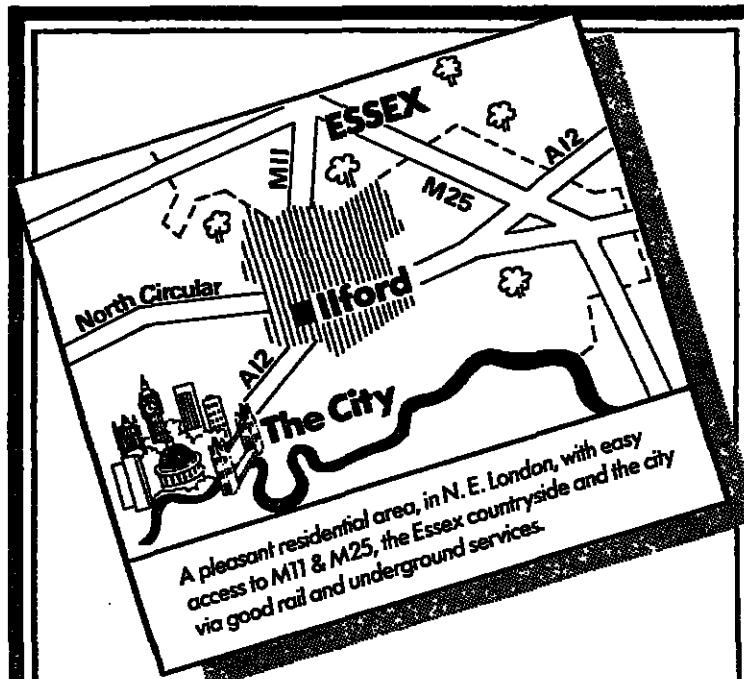
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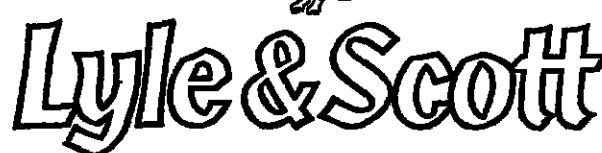
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Transferring from geologist to social worker was only the first career change for Vicki Worthington. Five years later she made her next move, switching from social work to television production via night school, voluntary work and 70 letters of application. ("I didn't dare count them until I'd found a job," she admits).

Though the principles are the same, career change is obviously a much more daunting challenge than changing jobs. But it can be achieved, and today more people are doing so than ever before.

The good news is that the boundaries are widening as employers' requirements become less stereotyped. As Linda Moseley, head of employee relations at the CBI, observes, the work scene is changing, becoming more flexible. "There is now greater mobility, making it easier to move into areas such as financial services, marketing, PR, personnel and advertising," she said.

This is borne out by the requirements listed in job vacancies. If you regularly follow the ads in *The Times*, you will find several offering openings to people who lack direct experience and are above the normal recruitment age.

For example, a well-known publishing house was recently looking for men and women interested in "either commencing

or continuing" a career in advertising sales, "probably between 22 and 35, with some sales experience, although that may not be necessary". For this well-paid work, the right personal qualities were to be the determining factor.

To help people acquire these qualities, find ways of achieving transferability and plan their strategy, the Industrial Society runs Saturday courses on changing direction. Although men occasionally attend, the great majority who take the course are women, generally in middle management.

Sally Watts looks at the realities of making a career change in today's more fluid marketplace

Liz Bargh, the head of IS's Pepperell Unit, which mounts the courses, explains: "It is important for anyone who is really serious about career change to have a strategy. They need to plan their campaign and learn all they can about the new career. Before leaving they draw up an action plan, based on 10 realistic steps."

"A number of teachers take part — their choice might be training, marketing, PR. We discuss choices and transferability with those who do not yet know what they want to change to. A sec-

retary, for instance, might consider administration or office management."

Many hope to use their present experience to start in an entirely different career — which is what Liz herself did. Having trained as a staff manager in personnel, she took an economics degree as a mature student, then began researching into equal opportunities, using the experience of her earlier personnel work.

Speakers and group leaders at Pepperell courses include people who have themselves changed

and spent five years as a social worker with a local education authority.

She took a part-time, night school course in TV production while still doing social work, and tackled voluntary jobs as well, gaining experience by helping in a studio and being a floor assistant. In addition, she joined a film workshop, helped with hospital radio and even spent two weeks of her holiday in the newsroom. At 32, a little above the required age, her seventeenth application was successful.

Now she finds herself drawing on both her earlier careers as she says, people often do not realize the value of their skills, knowledge and experience, and how these can be transferred to a new career.

Find out about any courses that are basic requirements. Some can be done in tandem with the job you hope to leave — at evening classes, like Ms Worthington's or by correspondence. Others may be longer so find out if they can be taken part-time. If not, see if you can manage a year for study.

Others, who belatedly want to be an engineer or technologist but have the "wrong" A-levels, may

be able to take a conversion course — a funded foundation year leading to degree or diploma study.

Some potential changers have their own support system. Career Changers Network, an offshoot of the Women in Management Association, holds regular Saturday afternoon workshops and four major meetings a year. These concentrate on aspects most sought by members, and are conducted with both style and charm.

Senior staff in health and education, a solicitor, a regional sales manager, a chartered engineer, financial consultant and a personnel manager who retires this year and hopes to find short-term work, were among nearly 60 members attending the all-day summer meeting.

This consisted of talks and workshops on how to prepare, present and package yourself, through the all-important cv (by Melanie Tacon, recruitment specialist); dress and appearance (Irene Nathan of Image); and interview technique (Gillian England, career counsellor).

Points they made were: CVs — detail the last 10 years of your career, summarizing the earlier years; say if you have languages, what software packages you are familiar with and whether you drive. State who you report to, who reports to you and any special achievements. But do not put everything in your cv; leave some things to discuss at the interview. Pay great attention to layout and presentation.

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Several members of CCN have already managed their career change. Jennifer Blumson, a returner who was secretary to a college head, is office manager of a company she helped to set up. Deborah Love, who worked for a computer training company, is now a freelance consultant.

She says three factors, in particular, helped her: the IS's course in changing direction ("specially the action plan and the brainstorming that revealed qualities I had not realized could help, or even hinder"); the OU's women in management course; and the CCN. "The fantastic networking boosted my morale and gave me courage."

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TENNIS

Skirted Davids with only their British dignity to surrender

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Had David and Goliath been matched in a best-of-seven series, the betting money would all have been on Goliath. Thus it is with the annual Wightman Cup contest in which a European offshore island, Britain, takes on delegates from its former colony, the now-mighty United States.

From today until Saturday the Albert Hall, intimately intimate yet intimidating, will echo with the jingoistic fervour of a crowd urging on the strongest team the island can muster. But the British v US label is spurious because two or three leading Americans usually find better things to do than take part in this one-sided event.

We shall have some fun, anyway, as we always do in such refreshing, stimulating team events. The competition will be intense and exciting until Britain's skirted Davids have been hammered into the ground like tent pegs, which is the customary outcome. The US leads 49-10. Since the last British triumph, in 1978, the US has won 55 matches out of 63 and 116 sets out of 132.

What a tonic it could be for the contest's competitive heart if the US had to restrict its choice to the 13 original colonies, which became a confederation of independent states in 1783. Such a format would also respect — even strengthen — the event's

distinctive traditional bonds. But national tennis associations are not renowned for tampering with conventions, however obvious the need may be.

Britain and the US are thin on top and looking for new heroes. During the "open" era Britain has usually had a top-tenner: Truman, Jones, Wade, Barker and (briefly) Durie. That is no longer the

case. Even the admirable Durie-Hobbs doubles team has been broken up, with Hobbs recovering from shoulder surgery.

The great eras of US women's tennis have also become memories. Between the wars there were Wills Moody, Malory, Jacobs and Marble. Then came Betz, Brough, Osborne and Hart and, later, Connolly and Gibson. More recently, we have savoured King, Evert and Navratilova (like Malory, imported from Europe).

None of the present generation is in that class. But it is encouraging that the hard core of the US team at the Albert Hall consists of Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil, the best black players to aspire to the peaks of women's tennis since

Althea Gibson pioneered the way in the late 1950s.

Marty Riessen, the US coach, won the singles and the doubles in the first tournament ever played at the Albert Hall, in 1970. His team, though, are all newcomers to that cavernous arena. Patty Fendick is also a newcomer to the Wightman Cup.

Of the British team, only Sara Gomer and Jo Durie have played at the Albert Hall. Monique Javier — a Californian with a British mother — and Julie Salmon represent Britain for the first time. Four of the five British players have associations with Sussex.

The British have nothing to lose except dignity. The Americans, more highly ranked, are eager to prove that they can do as good a job as Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Pam Shriver might have done. None wants to go down in history as a component of that rare commodity, a beaten US team in the Wightman Cup series.

Sport and show business will be colourfully blended in this 65th anniversary of the Wightman Cup (the sixtieth contest, because the war years were missed). The event will be sponsored by British Car Auctions and embellished by the patronage of the Queen and the Duchess of Gloucester.

Mansdorf to meet Lendl

Antwerp (AP) — Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, who won the Paris Open on Sunday, enjoyed a successful start here in the European Community championship, but Brad Gilbert, of the United States, was beaten.

Mansdorf defeated Darren Cahill, of Australia, 6-4 and 6-3, and will play Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, in the next round. Gilbert fell 6-1, 6-4 to Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia, who will play Andre Gomec, of Ecuador, in the next round.

In other first round matches on Tuesday, Jakob Hasek, of Switzerland, beat Alberto Mancini, of Argentina, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5, and Ricki Osterlind, of West Germany, defeated Martin Jaffe, of Argentina, 6-3, 7-5. Hasek will play Aaron Krickstein, of the United States, and Mancini will play Henri Lecotte, of France.

Ivan Lendl, Jimmy Connors, Pat Cash, Henri Lecotte and John McEnroe will play today. WORCESTER, Massachusetts: The top-seed, Martina Navratilova, coasted to victory, while the third seed, Gabriela Sabatini, had to battle in first-

round matches at the New England women's tournament (Reuter reports).

Navratilova raced through a 6-3, 6-0 victory over the South African, Karin Schimper, but Sabatini had to fight off a second-set challenge from Romina Riera, of the United States, before winning 6-1, 7-5.

The sixth seed, Natalia Zvereva, and the eighth seed, Larisa Savchenko, of the Soviet Union, also advanced. Zvereva outplayed Hu Na, of the United States, 6-3, 6-4, while Savchenko overcame a slow start to beat Wendy Turnbull, of Australia, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

The top seed, Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, also moved into the second round by beating Elise Burgin.

SVENEY: Gabriela Sabatini yesterday joined a list of leading women players to withdraw from next month's Federation Cup, to be held in Melbourne (Reuter reports).

The world No. 1, Steffi Graf, who won the grand slam and Olympic title this year, has said she will not be in Melbourne to defend the title for her country.

West Germany won the Cup — the women's team championship — by defeating the United States in 1987.

Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, ranked second and third in the world, earlier ruled themselves out of the United States team.

STOCKHOLM: The unseeded Paolo Canè, of Italy, beat the Wimbledon champion, Stefan Edberg, in three sets in a second-round match at the Stockholm Open-Scandinavian championships on Tuesday (AP reports).

Canè, who was ranked only 101 in the world, won 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Canè, aged 23, from Bologna, had previously beaten Pat Cash of Australia, and Joakim Nyström, of Sweden. But this was his biggest win.

Boris Becker, of West Germany, the No. 3 seed, was extended to three sets by Johan Carlsson, of Sweden, in another second round match. Becker struggled for long spells on the medium-fast Plexipave surface, but raised his game in the final four games to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker aims to claim early cup place

By Jenny MacArthur

John Whitaker and Next Milton, who would have been among the favourites for a medal in Seoul had they been allowed to compete, will confront all four members of the West German Olympic gold medal winning team at the Amsterdam Volvo World Cup show jumping which starts today.

The World Cup qualifier on Sunday afternoon, the second of eleven qualifiers in the European League, is the focal point of the four-day meeting which, with riders eager to gain early points towards next year's final in Florida, has attracted a high-class field.

The West Germans, as well as their Olympic squad, are sending Paul Schockemühle, now back in the saddle after masterminding their victory in Seoul.

The home side, fifth at the Olympics, is led by Rob Ehrens on Olympic Sunrise, winners of the opening qualifier at Helsinki last month.

The five-strong British squad comprises Whitaker, Nick Skelton (Serenade), Michael Whitaker (Next Tees Hanauer), Joe Hart (Country Classic Katter) and Liz Edgar (Everest Rapier). A notable absentee is the individual Olympic gold medal winner, Pierre Durand, winner of last year's qualifier, who is resting his Olympic champion, Jappeloup.

Whitaker, who is reaping the reward from Next Milton's ownership, is the horse's owner and did not allow him to compete in during the Olympics, is determined to qualify for the World Cup final before Christmas. Last year he was still chasing points at the last two spring qualifiers. On form he should have no difficulty. He and Next Milton won four major classes at Wembley last month, totalling over £100,000 prize-money of more than £40,000.

Last week they collected a further £5,000 after winning the Grand Prix in Stuttgart, where they also won a Mercedes car in a separate competition. Whitaker is sure that his car has won with Next Milton but thinks it is "around eight". It could be around nine by Sunday evening as the first place prize is a £17,000 Volvo car.

Although Skelton and Michael Whitaker are riding less experienced horses in Serenade, Next Tees Hanauer, aged 9, they are both capable of holding their own in top competition. Skelton and Serenade were sixth in the Stuttgart Grand Prix. Whitaker, although a journeyman, has travelled in close with Next Tees Hanauer, gave an indication of the horse's talents when winning the Modern Alarms Cup at Wembley.

All the British horses except Whitaker have travelled to Amsterdam from Stuttgart, where he took the night ferry from Harwich to Hook of Holland on Tuesday.

They then door-to-door journeyed to the Netherlands, where they will be competing in the final four games to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Rostrum time for mentors



Backroom boy: John Anderson, the award and Liz McColgan share the attention after yesterday's nominations luncheon in London (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Coaches acclaim Anderson as the trainer of the year

By Louise Taylor

McColgan's delight was unreserved. "He thoroughly deserves it," she insisted. "It's good to see the tables turning and John put in the spotlight for once. He's such a good mentor, everything I have achieved is down to him."

Stefan Edberg's tennis career has been transformed in the two and a half years since Tony Pickard assumed responsibility for his training. Edberg's 1988 men's singles final success at Wimbledon yesterday earned Pickard recognition as premier club coach, not to an individual athlete.

Not all coaches deal in individuals, many harmonizing the conflicting abilities and egos of a team. David Whitaker, coach to the British men's hockey team, achieved this end in Seoul where his men took Olympic gold. It was no surprise when he was named as best male team coach.

Other awards went to Cathy Page, who found herself top in the female coach to an individual athlete in recognition of her

role in bringing Michelle Blacklock and Jean Molloy, two of her protégés at Birkenhead trampolining club, to synchronized pairs success at the world championships.

Alex Cowie, coach to two of England's world championship winning women's squash teams in 1985 and 1987, triumphed in the female coach to a team category.

The best coaching, of course, starts well before adulthood, and Jonathan Rosenthal, junior coach at Leeds City athletics club, received recognition for securing the junior coaching award.

Participants in the recent Paralympics in Seoul were just as reliant on behind-the-scenes expertise. Accordingly, John Clark, based in Dunbar, Scotland, and involved in wheelchair, fencing and basketball, was named as the man who has made the most vital contribution to disabled sport. Like his six counterparts yesterday, he was more than entitled to a moment of glory.

RACING

Sir Blake registers a hollow victory

By George Rae

Sir Blake's emphatic 12-length win in the Tom Mason Trophy at Newbury yesterday is likely to be his farewell to hurdling.

After he had defeated The Hill — a victory made hollow by market rival Away We Go being pulled up badly late after the second last and subsequently put down — Sir Blake at Elsworth was thinking in terms of a chasing programme for the seven-year-old.

"He's really crying out for fences," Elsworth said. "I've entered him in the Foxes Qualifier at Kempton in two weeks' time. Having said that, I've also put him in over hurdles at Ascot so, if he doesn't take to fences, we've got something to go back to."

Elsworth's other potentially high class novice chaser, Floyd, will persevere over hurdles for the time being. "He'll go to Newcastle for the Fighting Fifth next," Elsworth said.

The champion National Hunt trainer also confirmed his intention to run Cavies Clown at Wincanton a week today, then go for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury later this month for which he has a list 9lb.

Michael Robinson is another trainer with some interesting chasing prospects and one of them, Remedy The Malady, took the BMW Qualifier by 15 lengths. The race was, however, equally notable for the abysmal running of the odds-on favourite, Gormley Point, who at no time threatened to take a hand in the outcome.

Jockey Jamie Osborne explained that the gelding had made a mistake at the cross fence on the first circuit and was never jumping fluently afterwards. The stewards accepted his explanation.

Robinson intends introducing his good hurdler Slalom to fences at Newbury next Wednesday.

Sheikh Mohammed's Look Lively made an eye-catching debut when winning the Highland Spring/ROA Novices' Hurdle by 10 lengths.

The winner's next appearance is likely to be at the Doncaster Sales although his trainer, Barry Hills, still has a couple of intriguing novices in the Cesarewitch winner, Nomadic Way. He may make his hurdling debut at Sandown on Saturday.

Kevin Mooney, rider of Look Lively, had earlier initiated a double on the Nick Gaselee-trained Pucks Place in the Lionel Puck Memorial Handicap Chase. Gaselee reported that his good season, Privilege Views is likely to reappear at Newbury towards the end of the month.

Newbury results

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Alone Success to make smooth transition to chasing at Stratford

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The failure of Alone Success to win a race of any description last season was one of the bigger disappointments, especially as he had remained unbeaten the previous season when his victories included the Triumph Hurdle.

Obviously, the virus which tore his trainer Nicky Henderson's stable apart at a crucial stage, was partly to blame. Even when he had recovered from that, though, Alone Success never really had the ground that suits him best.

At Stratford today, however, he should find conditions ideal when he starts afresh and begins his new career in the De Vere Hotels Novices' Chase.

As Alone Success was always a good jumper when he was hurdling, confidence is now running high at Windsor House that he will do well over fences, especially as he has been jumping the larger obstacles well on the schooling ground above Lambourn.

With Dinny Walsh, Gadbrook and Random Traveller all required to give him weight, Alone Success is napped to make a successful chasing debut.

John Edwards, who won the corresponding race 12 months

ago with Bob Tisdall, is now relying on Dinny Walsh, who was successful over 3/4 miles at the last meeting on the course 12 days ago. However, he owed his success that day entirely to the last fence fall of Celtic Fleet who was in complete command at the time.

Gadbrook and Random Traveller needed no such luck on their way to victory at Bangor and Fontwell respectively but they were surprised to find that they were good enough to beat a horse of the proven class of Alone Success.

With the recent winners Tuboat, Folk Dance, Welsh Oak and Old Malton all standing their ground, as well as the expensive Cesarewitch fop, Andorra, the Archie Scott Memorial Gold Cup looks a fiercely competitive handicap hurdle.

Much that it pains me to oppose Old Malton, who did this column a good turn when winning at Southwell a week ago, I do so now with another ally, Folk Dance, who carried 12st 7lb to a six-length victory over the distance at the last meeting on the course.

For whereas Old Malton has been penalized 9lb for his success, Folk Dance has escaped scot free because his

Biancone to run Triptych on Bute in Breeders' Cup

From Michael Seely, Churchill Downs, Kentucky

Further fuel was added to the fire of the great medication debate when Patrick Biancone announced in Kentucky yesterday that Triptych is to run on Bute in Saturday's \$2 million Breeders' Cup Turf.

Francois Boutin said later in the morning that Miesque might also be given the same medication before attempting to retain her title as world champion miler against Warning the same afternoon.

The largest stake earning mare in the history of European racing, Triptych has recently been performing as if feeling the effects of her four seasons of arduous campaigning. But yesterday morning she strode out with her former zest on the grass track at Churchill Downs.

"Just look at her — that was fantastic," said Biancone afterwards. "Triptych was working on Bute and she hasn't gone as well as that for two years. The rules say we can use it, so why not?"

Half an hour earlier Miesque was taking a circuit of the dirt track, and just as at Hollywood Park last November, she hurried round the tight bends with the athleticism of a greyhound.

Boutin was on hand to supervise the preparation of Stavros Niaros's mare and afterwards spent a long time with Miesque in the guarded compound for foreign horses and also talked to his veterinary surgeon.

"Miesque is very well," Boutin said later. "But the

ground is a bit firm and we may give her a small dose of Bute. On the other hand we may not give her anything at all."

When told about the future in Britain over the agonizing between Henry Cecil and the Jockey Club on the question of medication for Indian Skimmer, Boutin just shrugged his shoulders. "It is a question of the rules. And here it is legal."

Support for Cecil's viewpoint also came from Jonathan Pease, the French Paris-based trainer of Frankly Perfect, a challenger for the Breeders' Cup Turf.

"I don't see that this is any business of either the English or French Jockey Club. We are at enough of a disadvantage as it is, with all the travelling necessary to take them on in their own backyard. The rules say that Bute is legal. And as Frankly Perfect is a bit stiff, I'm going to use it."

"It's all a question of the individual horse," Pease went on. "I've got a filly called Delightful who's running in the Yellow Ribbons at Sandown on Sunday. She's very supple and doesn't need anything."

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The draw for positions was announced at the traditional breakfast. Neither Warning nor Miesque, at 11 and eight respectively, is favoured by the draw.

In the Turf Indian Skimmer is drawn eight and Infamy six, but over 1/2 miles this is less significant.

Ladbrokes make Warning the 5-4 favourite with Miesque at 6-4. But in the Turf, they have set a 2-1 on Indian Skimmer's price to 2-1 and have shortened the odds of Sunshine Forever to 5-2.

Local opinion is hardening that Sunshine Forever, the best grass horse in the United States, is going to take all the beating.



Francois Boutin undecided about Bute for Miesque

STRATFORD

By Mandarin

12.45 Sports Columns 1.15 Taimuruk 1.45 Crowcopper. 2.15 ALONE SUCCESS (nap). 2.45 Broad Beam. 3.15 Folk Dance. 3.45: Boutzardoff.

Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Beech Park.

Going: good

12.45 SOUTHERN CROSS NOVICES HURDLE (2855: 2m) (17 runners)

1-1 SPATS COLUMBO 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 2-1 CAMPER-A-LONG 12 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 3-1 HENRYOT 21 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 4-1 HYGENA LEGEND 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 5-1 MALLARD 12 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 6-1 ALONE SUCCESS 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 7-1 REGAL CROWN 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 8-1 THE TAN 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 9-1 THE RED LINE 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 10-1 VANTAGE 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 11-1 VAGABOND 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 12-1 FURRY 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 13-1 BATTLEWORTH 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 14-1 CLEO LADY 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 15-1 SUPER RED LINE 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 16-1 ROULETTE 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 17-1 ROULETTE 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10.

11-4 Sports Columns, 10-30 Vagabond, 4-1 Thin Red Line, 11-2 Miesque, 8-1 Hygena Legend, 12-1 Furry Star.

1.15 NOVEMBER NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (2855: 2m) (17 runners)

1-1 BELOW ZERO 10 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 2-1 SALLY'S FANTASY 12 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 3-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 4-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 5-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 6-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 7-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 8-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 9-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 10-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 11-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 12-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 13-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 14-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 15-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 16-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10. 17-1 SROCK 14 (D.F.S.) (M. McKeown) 4-11-10.

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1.45 HAWKES BAY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (2,078: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

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KEMPTON PARK

By Mandarin

1.00 Spritbrand. 1.30 Go Forum. 2.00 Wonder Bee. 2.30 Relatively Easy.

3.00 Over And Above. 3.30 Penny Forum. 4.00 Falworth.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Relatively Easy.

Marten Julian's (Sunday Times) revised nap: 1.30 PEER PRINCE.

Going: good to firm, (chase course); good, (hurdles)

1.0 UXBIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (2,553: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

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RUGBY UNION

Armstrong assures the Scotland role filled by his mentor

By Alan Limer

Gary Armstrong, the Jed-Forest scrum half, is the only new cap in the Scotland team to face Australia in the Royal Bank International at Murrayfield on November 19. Armstrong, aged 21, was outstanding for Scotland B last season, scoring three tries against Italy B in his debut match at Aberdeen. He takes over from his distinguished club colleague, Roy Laidlaw, who, having retired from the game, is now a member of the Scottish Rugby Union coaching staff. He has been the guiding figure in Armstrong's rise to the top.

There are no surprise choices in the team which is drawn from the pool of players which has served Scotland well over the last couple of seasons. The most notable absentee

Dangers of devaluing the club programme

By Peter Bills

Bridgend, who had 17 players unavailable for a recent training night, have added their voice to those expressing dismay at the level of commitment required of players by the Welsh Rugby Union.

Rumblings of discontent have been persistent since the start of the season and the next two months, in which Wales will play international matches against Western Samoa and Rumania, are likely to exacerbate the situation.

"The value of these two internationals has got to be in question," Brian Nicholas said. He is in charge of Bridgend's challenge for club honours and is also running the Welsh under-19 squad this season. "I support the national situation 100 per cent but the liaison

Blackrock run in four tries

By Michael Stevenson

Bradford College 38 Blackrock College 38

Despite dominating much of the second half, Bradford Grammar School, having conceded a 16-0 interval lead to Blackrock College, lost an entertaining and demanding contest yesterday by a try and a penalty goal to four goals and a try.

Blackrock, for whom Roche, at full back, and Ryan and Costello, in the back row, impressed, ran out of steam in the second half, although they did manage a late flurry of points.

Midgley worked hard at No. 8 for the losers, and their full

back, Barrett, also had a good game; but the talented Ravenscroft, at stand-off, tried to do too much himself and regularly distributed the ball after he had been checked.

Blackrock took the lead when Costello caught clean and Roche scythed through the centre. A searing run down the left was the prelude to Blackrock's second try. Costello drove to the line. Butler was checked and McGowan took his pass to score. Labourer Bradford passing contributed to the third try: the ball was driven on by the Blackrock pack, and when it emerged on the open side, Butler hacked on to score.

A penalty by Webster and a try by Ravenscroft rewarded

made on the Scotland captain, Gary Callander, who has a pelvic injury, and the Selkirk wing, Iwan Tukalo.

Scotland's scrummaging will be strengthened by the return of the powerful Heriot's prop, Iain Milne, who was injured for most of last season. He is one of only three survivors from the Scotland team which lost to Australia by 37-12 at Murrayfield four years ago.

That was the international debut match of John Jeffrey and one which the Melrose centre, Keith Robertson, would wish to erase from his memory. Robertson, who has been capped on 40 occasions, is back to his best form this season and will probably play at inside centre to Scott Hastings, who has dispelled pre-season injury worries.

In the pack, the return of Alister Campbell will give further ball-winning ability, particularly in the mauls, and the inclusion of Damian Cronin, the Bath lock, assures sufficient height at the lineout.

The Scots will hold a squad meeting on Sunday, to be attended by Alistair McHarg, who will be accompanying Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, to Twickenham to observe the England v Australia match on Saturday.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (London Scottish), M D S Duncan (West of Scotland), S Hastings (Warrington), K W Johnston (Glasgow), I Wainman (Glasgow), I Cranb (Hartlepool), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest), D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academical), G J Callender (Glasgow), I G Milne (Heriot's), A J Campbell (Hawick), D F Cronin (Bath), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A M Paxton (Glasgow), J Jeffrey (Kelso), R Repachments, P W Dods (Glasgow), S Wylie (Stewart's Melville), G H Oliver (Rugby), K S Milne (Heriot's), D B White (Glasgow).

Referee: D J Bishop (New Zealand). Touch judges: C J High and F A Howard (England).

First nine wickets to Hadlee

Rajkot (Reuters) — Richard Hadlee gave an early reminder of his status as the world's best fast-medium bowler by finishing with nine for 55 in the New Zealanders' opening tour match against West Zone here yesterday.

Hadlee's devastating form on a placid pitch caused the Indian side to collapse from their overnight 149 for four to 253 all out. The openers, Trevor Frankland, who hit an unbeaten 72, and John Wright, who completed a fine day for the touring side with an unbroken partnership of 118.

Hadlee, who destroyed much of the front-line batting with a spell of four for 24 on first day, accounted for both overnight batsmen for the addition of only 10 runs and quickly took three more wickets when he returned after lunch. He was robbed of a clean sweep by Bracewell, who took the last wicket by having Kulmar caught by Franklin.

WEST ZONE: First innings: 1 S Brice (Stoke) 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 2 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 3 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 4 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 5 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 6 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 7 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 8 S Brice 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. 9 S Brice 74, 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A game operating under false pretences



Simon Barnes

London by tube, who picks the wrong Saturday to do the shopping, knows the poisonous atmosphere of threat that football brings with it everywhere it goes. When you need hundreds of policemen to make a sporting event happen without a riot, the point of the sporting event seems to have gone.

Football has got so much in common with *reunions* and I am grieved by this. But let me close by quoting the introduction to Lyall Watson's new book, *Sesame*: "Sesame satisfies me at every level. It is a spectacle with colour and texture, a ceremony of style and beauty, and a conflict filled with drama and suspense. But perhaps, most important of all, it is a matter of dignity, and that today is rare."

"Sesame proved a glimpse into the past. Back to when winning required courtesy and losses were accepted with simplicity and grace, because both were part of a social

Taya hard on heels of leader

Suggett depends on performances to extend his tenure

French pin hopes on return of Platini

Smith is working overtime for Rangers Graeme Souness, the manager, consulted him last week and is receiving intensive treatment for a calf injury from Smith's assistant, Hans Diest, who is staying in Glasgow. Souness said: "Richard Smith has been over to look at Ally and is flying out with him in the morning, and taking him back to his clinic for treatment."

Golden decade as Linfield again lift Cup

Old boys narrow pro-am gap

WIMBLEDON: D Hudson, M Pearson, E McAlister, S Fitzgerald, W Sinclair, M Quamina, G Dobbs, J Watson, D Cooper, G Crisp, M Fiore.

Buttigieg signs for Brentford

TUESDAY'S

Rovers draw out Spurs' anxiety

John King, the Tramere Rovers manager, also found

"It's fair to say that if you beat Peter Shilton five times you must have played well. We feel that Peter Shilton is such a good goalkeeper and this result has given us a great lift."

Golden decade as Linfield again lift Cup

recovery are quite remarkable," Cole said yesterday. "Last week I would have given him no chance of playing this weekend; now he has every chance."

than it was when Wintonians were winning the Amateur Cup in 1963, defeating Sutton 3-1. In those days a mixed reserve and youth side from a first division

rebound. Crisp and Watson had put Wimbledon two up in the first half before a fine goal by Golder, from an opening by Godby, had made it a match.

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT LEAGUE
UP: Second round: Southampton 1.
 Southampton 0.

FOUR MATCHES: English Students XV 13, Australians 36.
TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands semi-final play-off: Warwickshire 53, East Midlands 13.
CLUB MATCHES: Moseley 48, Sheffield 64, University 2, Bradford 13.

CRICKET

Richards, who worked out well in the nets during training yesterday, said West Indies' two losses in Perth had had a salutary effect. "I guess not too

BASKETBALL

Manchester bolstered by Irish determination

By a Special Correspondent

basketball again after returning to Manchester from Portsmouth during the summer, matched his colleagues for defensive commitment while still scoring the 36 points that proved the decisive

tered Belgians, a thief who entered the dressing-rooms by a skylight at the Stretford sports centre was plundering wallets, credit cards and watches belonging to the members of both

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Final positions (French unless stated) 1. C Morlet and R Hermann (Lech) 275pts; 2. G Duclos-Lassalle and D Clark (Aust) 260; 3. P Bincoletto (It) and A Belfi (It), at one lap, 280; 4. L Bignon and S Tourne (Bel), at four laps, 34.

HEDLAND BANK 5TH FORM AND TERTIARY COLLEGES CUP: Semi-finals: Northwich S. John Deane 2, Luton 2 (Luton won 4-2 on penalty flicks); Stoke-on-Trent 1, Brockenhurst 3. Final: Luton 1, Brockenhurst 0.

OVER BID

GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Final positions (French unless stated) 1. C Monti and R Hermann (Ger) 275pts; 2. G Duclos-Lassalle and D Clark (Aus), 269; 3. P Bincoletto (It) and A Boffi (It), at one lap, 280; 4. L Bondi and S Tourne (Bel), at four laps, 34; 5. G Lemond (US) and A Doyle (GB), at six laps, 40.

laps 52 6. J-C Colom and E de Witte (Bel), at seven laps, 81.
GHEENT: Van Vlaanderen Denim (60 laps points, 75 laps demy-paced, elimination race):
1. M Vaanens (Bel), 2. R Van Der Stycke (Bel); 3. J Dymael (Bel), British: 5. R Williams.

HOCKEY

COLLEGES CUP: Semi-finals: Northwich Saints 1, John Deane 2; Luton 2 (Luton won 4-2 on penalty flicks); Stoke-on-Trent 1, Brockenhurst 3. Final: Luton 1, Brockenhurst 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bristol GS 16. Wesley.
Dublin 9. Canford 15. Bernhamstead 0;
St Edward's 0. Oxford 29. Eton 0; Sherbourne
6. Taunton 21.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Open mixed prize

Hiroshima: Japan Caps United States in

SÃO PAULO: Men's tournament: First round (Brazilian unless stated): D Cassidy (US) bt L Mator. 6-2, 6-4; J Frana (Arg) bt M Hermantani 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; D Perez (Ur) bt G Rivas (Arg). 0-6, 5-2, 6-3; J Ononis bt M Wostenholme (Can). 7-6, 7-6; C Kist bt F Coper (Sp). 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; N Marquês (Por) bt J

WORCESTER, Massachusetts: First round: M. Navratilova (US) bt A. Schimper (SA), 6-3, 6-0; G. Saezani (Arg) bt R. Reis (US), 6-1, 7-5; H. Sukova (Cze) bt E. Burger (US), 7-6, 6-4; N.

Zvereva (USSR) bt Na Hu (Ch), 6-3, 8-4; L. Savchenko (USSR) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 4-6, 6-0. 8-1; H Koles (Can) bt R Farbank (SA), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. S Sloane (USA) bt C Sengco (Can), 6-4, 6-3.

Taylor admits to mixed feelings over Talbot post

By Chris Moore

Brian Talbot's appointment yesterday as player-manager of West Bromwich Albion was viewed with mixed feelings by Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association.

For the last five years Talbot has been Taylor's right-hand man as chairman of the PFA, a role he is obliged to relinquish following his elevation to the managerial ranks as Ron Atkinson's successor at the Hawthorns.

"While I am delighted that Brian has achieved his long-time ambition of moving into management, I am obviously disappointed that the PFA will be losing such an invaluable servant," Taylor said.

"We will miss him a great deal because he has been an excellent chairman. Our loss is most certainly West Brom's gain. I am sure the experience he has had working with the PFA will do nothing but help him in management."

"He may be new to management, but he is certainly not new to man-management or player-management. He already has a sound knowledge of player problems and of the sort of things that happen at club and administrative level."

"And in the same way that I felt Steve Coppell would be good management material when he was chairman of the PFA, I feel quite convinced Brian will be equally successful as a manager as he has been as a player."

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much the same way that my father did," Chris said yesterday. After playing for Gateshead, Lawrie, a former Coldstream Guard, coached at Sheffield Wednesday before managing Doncaster Rovers and Grimsby Town, winning championships at both clubs before establishing himself as a household name with Southampton.

Chris is setting his sights even higher. "I'd like to be even better than my father," he insisted. "I've been taking advice from him for 27 years now so I've picked up a few things. The most important thing he has taught me is to have a bit of integrity and self discipline and I'm sure I'll still be looking to him for pointers."

"But he has also taught me to be my own man and I intend to follow that advice and do things my way, anyway the daft thing is that he's the one out of a job."

Lawrie, frustrated at being divorced from day-to-day footballing involvement, is seeking a job as a manager or managing director of a League club.

After supervising his first training session at Chesterfield, Chris pronounced himself "very pleased to have got stuck in. It's a very good opportunity for me and while, despite some upheaval, I've had some good times at Sunderland but I'm very pleased to be here."

"I'm starting out in very

"He possesses a rich dedication to the game plus a strong determination to succeed. Before he joined West Brom last season Ron Atkinson asked me for a sort of character reference, as soon as he went there, I was convinced they would not be regretted with a player like Brian in their side."

"I was pleased to be proved right, but always thought I would be because he has a knack of motivating people and getting the best out of them."

It was Talbot, in fact, who succeeded Coppell as chairman of the PFA, which is left with only five members of its management committee following the earlier departure of John Deehan, who is now player-coach at Manchester City, and Kenny Allen, who is no longer in the game at League level.

Garth Crooks (Charlton Athletic), Gary Mabbitt (Tottenham Hotspur), Clive Baker (Barnsley), Nigel Spackman (Liverpool) and Trevor Morgan (Bolton Wanderers) comprise the management body which will be brought up to strength when three new members are elected at the PFA's annual meeting later this month.

"It will be up to the new committee to elect the new chairman," Taylor said.

Despite the delay over ratifying his appointment as player-manager, there was little doubt Talbot would get the Albion job after inspiring them to four successive wins as caretaker manager.

"It's always been my ambition to move into management, and I can't wait to get my teeth into the job here," he said. "The players have given me 100 per cent support since I was put in charge, and having climbed to third place in the table we have the platform to launch the club back into the first division, which is where it belongs."

Hartlepool United have appointed the former Scotland and Newcastle United captain, Bobby Moncur, as manager on a full-time basis. Moncur has been carrying out the job on a caretaker basis.

John Gorman, the former assistant manager at Gillingham, is returning to Priestfield. Keith Burkinshaw, the new manager who had Gorman on his books as a player when he was manager of Tottenham Hotspur, is taking Gorman back as one of the backroom staff.

and then refusing to release them. The players welcome the development. David Vanele, a goalkeeper in the Olympic squad, said: "This is the extra incentive to keep going and we'll have the same players together most of the time, rather than changing line-ups all the time. We're going in the right direction, definitely. The last two years were a struggle and without the programme, we'd have struggled two more years."

Brian Bliss, a midfielder who has played in the MISL, endorsed that view: "My priority is the national team and this gives me a chance to devote myself to training and promoting the game of football — outdoor football."

But problems remain. Werner Fricker, the president of the USSF, has said that the next team manager will not be a foreigner, despite rumors linking the likes of Franz Beckenbauer to the job, yet so far he has not announced who will do it. The part-time incumbent, Lother Osander, does not want the full-time position.

The United States have reached the third round of their qualifying group for the World Cup and are expected to qualify for the finals, giving them the ideal preparation for 1994, when they will be the hosts.

other board members. What difference does it make whether I am a male or a female?"

Frank Corfe, the chief executive of Tranmere Rovers, said: "We had never come across a female director of a football club before. The board room is men only by tradition rather than definition."

Corfe said yesterday that the situation would be reviewed should Blackpool ever be drawn to play at Tranmere again. Tranmere won the 1-0 to move forward into the last 16 of the Littlewoods Cup.



Sir Blake, the winner, jumps with The Hill (left) in the Tom Masson Trophy at Newbury yesterday. More racing, page 43. (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Anger at French referees

From Chris Than Nantes

French refereeing has been sharply criticized by the two international sides now touring France, the Pumas and the New Zealand Maoris.

The Argentine coach, Rodolfo O'Reilly, was unable to mask his outrage after Argentina's 31-22 defeat in Nîmes on Tuesday. "This was pathetic. This type of refereeing should not be allowed, especially when an international side is concerned."

"It has spoiled the game and penalized the side which was trying to do something," he said. "We've had bad referees in the previous games but this was the worst piece of refereeing so far."

The coach of the French selection, Andre Leymat, was also critical about the refereeing of his countryman. Wayne Shelford, the All Black and New Zealand Maori captain, was equally scathing. "We play a rucking game. Here in France they penalize you for that. The interpretation of the rules is so different to what we are used to."

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Australians cap Girvan and recall Campbell

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Bill Campbell, who missed Australia's international programme during their domestic season while finishing his studies at Oxford University, has been restored to the side that will play England at Twickenham on Saturday.

Campbell, aged 26, a doctor and vice-captain in the present touring party, has been preferred in the second row to Damien Frawley, who played against England and New Zealand during the summer. Campbell resumes his World Cup partnership with Steve Cutler, though they have played together in 11 internationals.

The XV includes one newcomer to international rugby in Brad Girvan, the ACT centre who is on his first tour. Girvan, aged 26 and a strong-running six-footer, is vice-captain of Australian Capital Territory, for whom his selection will come as huge encouragement, given that New South Wales and Queensland traditionally hog the representative limelight.

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Colin Pienegar, the Wasps lock, ends his 40-day suspension period with a recall to his club's second team at Blackheath on Saturday. Pienegar incurred the punishment for trying to butt Paul Ackford, the Harlequins forward, in the Courage Clubs Championship match on September 24. Wasps' match against London Scottish — who are playing in the Pilkington Cup on Saturday — was postponed, so the club has given their first-team players not required by England the weekend off.

As expected Michael Lynagh, who joined the party last week, has been chosen to make his 28th appearance for his country, though all other thirty playing members of the party were available; however Knox and Cornish, whose injuries caused the tour management to send for Lynagh, were not considered because they have been able to play so little rugby recently.

Grant has been chosen on the right wing rather than at centre, where he played in the first international against Eng-

land in May. Of the side which beat England 28-8 — a record margin — at Concord Oval, Sydney, in June, there are nine survivors. Williams, the wing, has taken up his scholarship to Oxford University; Ella (centre), Kay (prop) and Liddbury (flanker) were not chosen to tour while Frawley and Carter have been overtaken by Campbell and Tuynman.

David Bishop, the New Zealander who will referee the match (and the international between Scotland and Australia), was at Kingsholm yesterday evening handling the club game between Gloucester and South Wales Police; he officiated last weekend in the game at Old Deer Park between London Welsh and Newport.

Australia: A J Lewis (NSW), J C Grant (NSW), B Girvan (ACT), M T Coe (Queensland), D J Cornish (NSW), M P Lynagh (Queensland), N C Frawley (NSW), captain: M N Hardie (NSW), T A Lawton (Queensland), A J Hurn (Queensland), J M Gardner (Queensland), S A G Cutler (NSW), W A Campbell (Queensland), J S Miller (Queensland), S N Tuynman (NSW), replacements: A S Hogg (NSW), L F Walker (NSW), B T Burke (NSW), R Lawton (Queensland), M McBain (Queensland), T B Gawn (NSW).

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Fighting words by Leonard

Las Vegas (Reuters) — Sugar Ray Leonard, who comes out of retirement again to meet Donny Lalonde for two World Boxing Council championships here next week, said yesterday that his adversary had too much confidence.

"That is his major weakness — he gets right-hand crazy," Leonard said, referring to Lalonde's much-heralded right, which has taken him to a 31-2 record. Lalonde's left is notoriously underdeveloped, the result of many shoulder separations and a pin holding it together.

"He keeps his chin straight up," Leonard said of the Canadian, with whom he clashes on Monday for the World Boxing Council's lightweight and super-middleweight titles.

Leonard, aged 32, stepping out of retirement for the third time, does not appear to be keeping many secrets about his strategy against Lalonde, aged 28. "He's very susceptible to left hooks and a lead-off right hand," Leonard said after a workout.

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Romania establish position

Bucharest (Reuters) — Romania beat Greece 3-0 yesterday to establish themselves as leaders of their World Cup qualifying group after two matches.

The Romanians, most of them from Steaua Bucharest, easily beat a Greek team seeking only a draw. Greece rarely managed to escape from their own half as the Romanians followed their 3-1 win in Bulgaria last month with another impressive performance.

Greece, who drew 1-1 at home with Denmark in their opening match last month, struggled from the start. Romania opened the scoring in the 26th minute when Lacatus broke on the right and crossed for Matecu to score from 25 yards.

A few minutes later Camataru was brought down as he ran through the middle and Hagi scored the second from the penalty spot. Romania then controlled the game. A third goal came when Sabau left several defenders in his wake before shooting past Talikariadis.

France, who only managed to draw with Cyprus last month, were further embarrassed yesterday when Norway beat Cyprus 3-0 in a group five World Cup qualifying match. Sorloth scored twice and Osvald, once, in the match at Limassol.

Action over discrimination

Tranmere Rovers, the fourth division football club, are to be reported for sex discrimination after they barred a woman from their directors' lounge.

The complaint has been made by Blackpool FC after a director, Mrs Vicki Oysten, the wife of the chairman, Owen Oysten, was refused admission at half-time during a Littlewoods Cup third round tie at Prenton Park on Tuesday.

Solicitors have been instructed to make official protests to the Equal

Americans match words with awards

By Keith Blackmore

The United States have intensified their efforts to qualify for the 1990 World Cup in Italy by offering retainers to 14 players and announcing that the team will play at least 40 matches in the next year.

The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) has agreed to pay the players, most of whom took part in the Olympics, an average of more than \$14,000 for the year instead of daily expenses. The USSF will also help them obtain sponsorship and employment with US companies.

The plan, which was announced last week, sets aside 150 days for training and preparation and is designed to overcome the main obstacle between the national team and success — the lack of a full-time professional, outdoor, league system.

At present players are mainly drawn from three sources: the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), which is professional but which plays a variation of the traditional game, the American Soccer League, which is semi-professional, and the Western Soccer Alliance, which is amateur.

The retainers are to ensure that the best are available for national team matches and in particular to prevent the MISL from signing players

and then refusing to release them.

The players welcome the development. David Vanele, a goalkeeper in the Olympic squad, said: "This is the extra incentive to keep going and we'll have the same players together most of the time, rather than changing line-ups all the time. We're going in the right direction, definitely. The last two years were a struggle and without the programme, we'd have struggled two more years."

Brian Bliss, a midfielder who has played in the MISL, endorsed that view: "My priority is the national team and this gives me a chance to devote myself to training and promoting the game of football — outdoor football."

But problems remain. Werner Fricker, the president of the USSF, has said that the next team manager will not be a foreigner, despite rumors linking the likes of Franz Beckenbauer to the job, yet so far he has not announced who will do it. The part-time incumbent, Lother Osander, does not want the full-time position.

The United States have reached the third round of their qualifying group for the World Cup and are expected to qualify for the finals, giving them the ideal preparation for 1994, when they will be the hosts.

Tennis professionals reach a collective break point

By Richard Evans

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) is to go ahead with its plans to run its own international circuit from 1990, a move which would condemn to extinction the Men's Tennis Council (MTC) which governs the tour at present.

Ray Moore, the players' representative and MTC chairman, announced after a Council meeting at Queen's Club, London, yesterday that, although the MTC had attempted to address some of the ATP's grievances at the emergency meeting held that morning, it was "too little, too late".

He added: "With stadiums and TV deals to set up, we need to plan immediately. We will continue to support the 1989 Grand Prix circuit but 1990 needs to be worked on right away. We have not closed the door; we are open to any suggestion for a compromise but you must understand the degree of player alienation to the current system."

Marshall Happer, the MTC administrator who has worked hard to bring both sides together, voiced strong opposition to the players' stance. "I believe the players were right in wanting to change the system and I supported them up to the point of 50 per cent control as opposed to the one-third representation they have now," Happer said. "But I think they are wrong to want to run the whole thing. It will lead to fragmentation and chaos."

Moore stressed that the ATP was not after total control because the players had no intention of challenging or trying to influence the four Grand Slam tournaments, each held over two weeks, the four weeks of Davis Cup or, every four years, two weeks of Olympics.

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